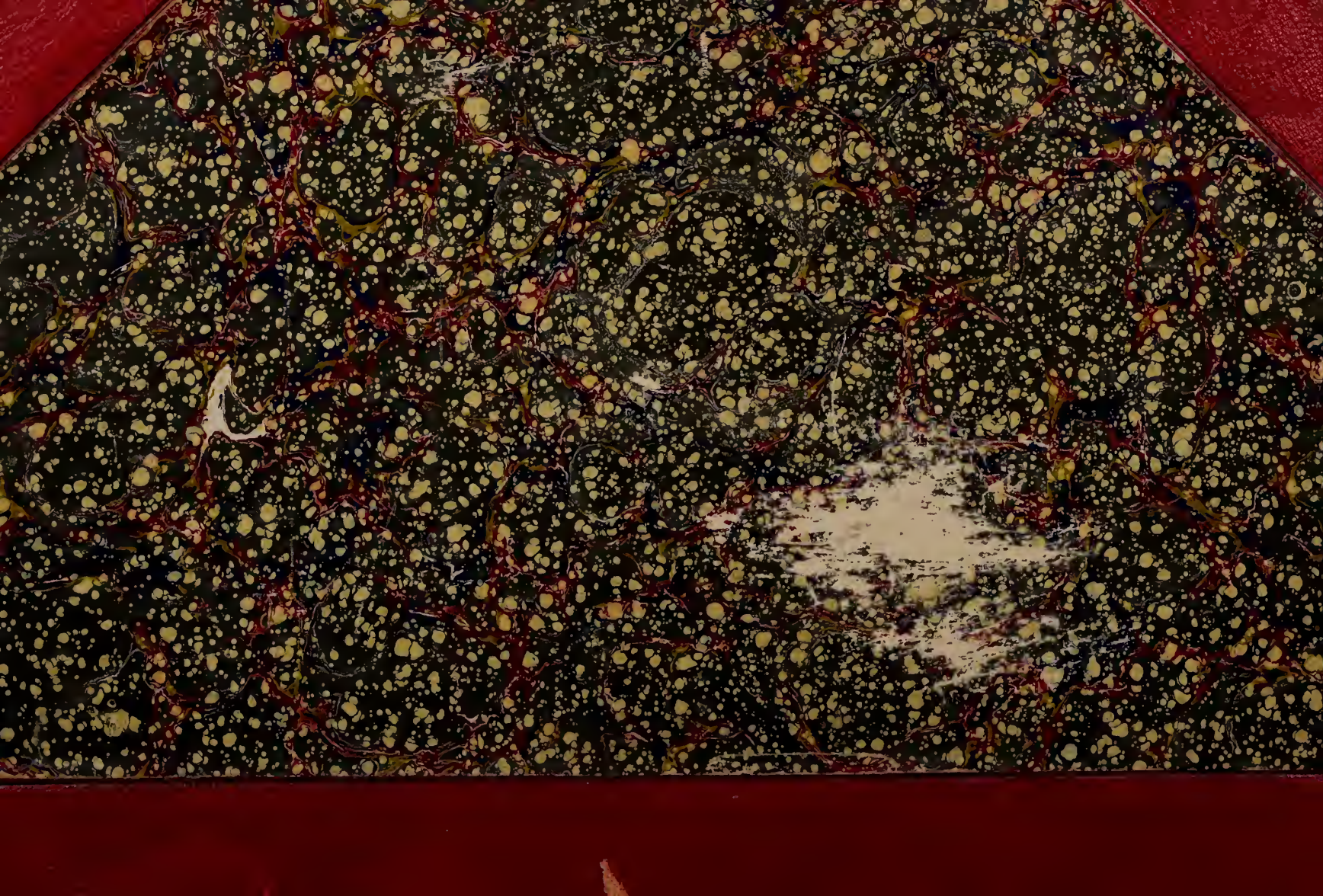

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OUR FRIENDS in Persia rejoice greatly, and we with them, in the blessed refreshing among their churches. Much thirsty ground has become springs of water. See Mrs. Shedd's letter.

YOUNG MCCALL, of the Livingstone-Congo Mission, as he lay dying, prayed: "Lord, I gave myself, body, mind and soul to Thee. I consecrated my whole life and being to Thy service; and now, if it please Thee to take myself, instead of the work which I would do for Thee, what is that to me? Thy will be done."

BY FAITH, Mary Moffat, "When there was no glimmer of the dawn," replied to her friend in England, asking what would be of use to them, "Send us a communion service; we shall want it some day." For ten years they had no souls for their hire, but at length, the day before they would sit down to the Lord's table with the first fruits of their Bechwana people, a tardy box arrived from England, and behold, in it that communion service asked for nearly three years before!

"IN THE EARLY days of missions in India," writes Rev. William Arthur, of London, "the hope of entering within the curtains of the zenana, there to tell the good tidings, was one of the many hopes that were kept alive simply by faith in Almighty power. When the men should be converted, when the power of caste should be broken, when the unchanged customs of India should be changed, when several other things still far off should have come to pass, then indeed might the interior of the women's apartments hear the words of Christ. As to such an event coming round in the days of living men and women;—well, if the Lord should open windows in Heaven, what might stream down, who could tell?"

THIS YEAR our own Miss Thiede had thirty-seven zenanas, Miss Belz had fifty-seven, Miss Seely, one hundred, and these are common figures among other denominations. A lady of one of the English societies had one hundred and forty-nine houses open at Faizabad and Ajodhya. Mrs. Capron, (American Board) had 888 women in the City of Madura, under the instruction of her pious Bible-women.

IN HARET, in Syria, the Maronites patronize the Papal school, but the Moslems ours. The latter show no bigotry, offer no objections to the Bible instruction given their children, and are often present to hear the Scriptures read with explanations by the teacher, and prayer.

A GRADUATE of Beirût College being about to marry a girl of Maronite parentage but educated at Beirût, was urged to have a priest. The villagers signed a paper declaring they would have nothing to do with the wedding unless he accepted the priest. The young man had the courage of his convictions, and Mr. Bird having been engaged to perform the ceremony, says: "The friends had gone to bring the bride. Almost the whole population turned out to meet them. On they came, with fluttering banner, pran-

cing horses and volleys of musketry. When, at length, I tied the knot, the apartment was crowded to suffocation by the very persons who had threatened to abandon the bridegroom, if he were not married by a priest."

Science mentions the explorations of Dr. Neis in Laos, in 1883-84. He found singular caves along the Nam-u River, in which stalagmite deposits assume curious forms of draperies and figures. Every corner was filled with images of Buddha, in wood, in bronze, and in brick covered with gilded cement. An attack of fever, due to the chilly cave, was ascribed by the guides to the anger of a cave deity. A sacrifice to him, and a large dose of quinine, restored the doctor's health.

THERE IS A people in Laos called Khas, who offer strangers a sort of beer made of rice. The first to drink is to be the first of the company to die, so when great deference is intended, the whole household drink before offering to their guest.

WITHIN FOUR WEEKS after Bishop Hannington's death was known, the Church Missionary Society received fifty-three offers of service, and on the 2d of April, a note was sent to the committee, signed by twenty-four members of the Cambridge University, expressing their entire readiness to go into the Foreign Mission service, if the way is opened to them during the next few years.

THE *Church Missionary Intelligencer*, for May, reports that after the Bishop's death, Mr. Mackay and Mr. Ashe (missionaries at Uganda) were severely cross-examined by the King, to know which of his subjects had given them information. They declined to name anyone, and the King was so angry, "they fully expected not to leave his presence alive." A favorite page was put to death by the King, for venturing to remonstrate with him for killing the Bishop.

Several more have been baptized at the Capital, "at their earnest request," and Mr. Mackay writes: "The devotion and courage of the young Christians are wonderful."

NOT A WOMAN on the Lower Congo knows how to sew.

IT IS SAID that only one language, of 2000 words, prevails in the Congo valley, though spoken in many dialects. One-half the people are slaves.

THE FIRST anti-slavery meeting ever held in Morocco, took place in Tangier, a few months ago. The meeting pledged itself to help in every way possible to put down the traffic in human beings.

A FINE summary of what Mr. Stanley has done in Africa, was given in the *Missionary Review* (Princeton), for Jan.-Feb.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Lives of Robert and Mary Moffat. By their son, JOHN S. MOFFAT. (A. C. Armstrong & Son.) Price, $2.50. A generation is growing up in Great Britain, who never looked into those keen, black eyes, from which the Namaqua Chief covered his face, 'because he did not want to die yet,' nor felt the power of Robert Moffat's personal presence as he passed from city to city, delivering those wonderful addresses on Africa. It is time the story of his labors be retold, and these types of the primitive missionary spirit be looked upon again. Perhaps, in no country, are they more needed, than in America.

The book is not without faults of composition. Occasional broken sentences suggest the jolt of an African wagon, and some relative pronouns have lost their way, as if caught in a jungle, but the essential interest of the book sweeps one on from chapter to chapter, and nobody can read it without receiving a stimulus in the direction of missions, or without loving and admiring the Moffats. The book will be a standard for missionary libraries, and would be an acceptable gift at some of our stations across the water.

Moments on the Mount. By Rev. GEORGE MATHESON, M.A., D.D. (A. C. Armstrong & Son.) A book long known in Scotland, but just reprinted here, and one of the choicest of its class.

From Boston to Bareilly and Back. By Dr. WILLIAM BUTLER. (Methodist Book Concern.) Dr. Butler is well known as the author of *The Land of the Veda*, and as missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has written a pleasant record of his visit, after an absence of twenty-seven years, to the Mission which he founded in 1856.

Our Life in China. By HELEN S. C. NEVIUS. (Robert Carter & Brothers.)

Africa.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Liberia Mission—All addressed Liberia.

Mrs. Rachel A. Ethridge, Clay-Ashland. Mrs. Martha Jones, Brewerville. Mrs. Sophia E. Nurse, Gibeah.

Gaboon and Corisco Mission—All addressed Gaboon, West Africa.

Mrs. Graham Campbell, Mrs. C. De Heer, Mrs. William C. Gault, Mrs. A. C. Good, Miss Mary L. Harding, Miss Lydia Jones, Mrs. Arthur Marling, Miss Isabella Nassau, Mrs. Louise Reutlinger, Mrs. Wm. H. Robinson.

In this Country—Mrs. Phœbe C. Ogden, St. Paul, Minn.

MISSIONARY EPOCHS IN AFRICA.

From a speech delivered at Manchester, Eng., by Mr. Eugene Stock, of the Church Miss. Soc.

'The beginning would take us back to apostolic times. Amongst the hearers of Peter's sermons were some who belonged to Egypt and the parts of Lybia about Cyrene. They, no doubt, took back the message they heard, and that was the first preaching of the Gospel in the Dark Continent. And it was not fruitless preaching, because Egypt and North Africa were for three or four centuries in the forefront of Christendom. There is a sort of Christian Church still in Egypt. In North Africa there is nothing. Why? Bishop Wilberforce said, the Church of Egypt sent out missionaries and it survived, although degraded and corrupted, but the North African Church never was a mission Church, and therefore the candlestick was removed out of its place.

"Then came Mohammedanism to sweep away those fallen Churches. Through long centuries there was no gleam of light, excepting one name, Raymond Lulle, who, though a monk, was united to the Lord Jesus Christ by a living faith. He gave up everything in Italy to preach the Gospel in Africa, which he did for fifty years; and when nearly eighty years old was stoned to death. He wrote: "I have sought Thee in the crucifix, and my bodily eyes could find Thee there. I sought Thee with the eyes of my soul, and as soon as I found Thee, my heart grew warm with the glow of Thy love." That was written in the dark ages, and is something to be thankful for. Mohammedanism had Africa to itself. What was the result? It enslaved the people.

"Then came the time of the Jesuits, who sent many noble men to Africa, but there is hardly a vestige left of all they did.

"Who were the first Protestant Christians after the Reformation to take reformed Christianity to Africa? Need we ask? Are not the Moravians always first? They were followed by the London Missionary Society, Vanderkemp, Robert Moffat, and Livingstone, and they were followed by many others. The Church Missionary Society sent missionaries to Sierra Leone, and almost all of them laid their bones on the West Coast of Africa. * * * * * * Livingstone's death woke up England to missionary work, and the first to come to the front were Scotchmen, who started the noble Free Church Mission on Lake Nyassa. Stanley was the first man to find out all about the Congo. This was what started four great missions — the Church, London, and Baptist Societies, and the Livingstone Congo Mission. Those missions have had heavy and sore trials. The Lord has ruled that the Gospel should go to Africa with much sorrow, tears and sacrifice of life."

Mr. Stock's reference to these missions of the present Protestant epoch confines itself to the efforts of European societies. But more than sixty years ago the Church in America also began to try to atone for her share in the wrongs done to the African race. Several societies established themselves in Liberia, and are still there. They are also in Zululand, in Umzila's kingdom and at Bihè, in the west; at Cape Palmas, at the Gaboon, on the Congo, and nine degrees south of the Equator, among the North-Bundas.

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Our mission field, on the western coast of Africa, seems on the map but as a foot-print on the soil of a great continent; it is more, — it is a foot-hold, for American Missions are there to stay, and their influence will abide forever. To the north, lies the little republic of LIBERIA, where labored the consecrated *Pinney* and *Wilson*, and the blue banner of Christian Presbyterianism is upheld to-day by the *Deputies* and others.

If, on a summer-day in February, you were to take passage from Liberia in a steamer down the coast, you would, after a trip of about 1500 miles, arrive at the mouth of the Gaboon River, almost directly under the equator. Here, you would be entertained by our missionaries of this central station in the hospitable homes of BARAKA. With this as starting point, you might swing round the circle of our mission stations, as you might chance to secure passage on some little trading-steamer, or be compelled, as our missionaries often are, to brave the dangers of the ocean in small, open row-boats. About fifty miles to the north, you would find the Island of CORISCO, where the native minister, Rev. *Ibia J'Ikenje*, holds the fort for Christ. Just across on the mainland to the northward, you would

visit BENITA, where memories of the sainted *George Paull* still linger, now the home of the *De Heers*, the *Gaults* and *Mrs. Reutlinger*. Going thither, you would rock on the same waters whence, from an open boat, the spirit of the heroic *Mary Latta Nassau* went up, by night, to that peaceful country where "there is no more sea." Near by are the out-stations of BATANGA, EVUNE and BATA. Returning to Baraka and running up the Gaboon River to REMBWE, NENGENENGE and ANGOM, you would be shown, by missionaries *Campbell*, *Marling*, or the Native *Truman*, spots made sacred by the toils and sacrifices of the *Bushnells*, the *Walkers* and the *Prestons*. If you should be at Gaboon when the new mission schooner arrives from England, you might take passage in her to the mouth of the Ogove River, about seventy-five miles down the coast, and thence, in trading-steamer, mission row-boat or canoe, wend your way up stream 165 miles, amid curious and wonderful sights of tropical foliage, birds and animals, with a possible collision with some huge hippopotamus, curious about your intrusion, to KANGWE, where *Mr.* and *Mrs. Good* would welcome you. Thence fifty miles beyond to TALAGUGA, the furthest out-post of our work, where *Dr.* and *Miss Nassau* and the rocky grave of *Mary Foster Nassau* are preaching Christ to the cannibal Fangwes. This is our mission field in Africa. With its base upon the coast, it reaches toward the centre of the Dark Continent.

Emma N. Swan.

BATAVIA, N. Y.

NOTES ON LIBERIA.—*From the African Repository for April.*—The Colonization Society asks Congress to appropriate $25,000 for explorations on the west coast of Africa, and from Liberia into the interior.

Incomplete returns show a total of 2233 pupils in the schools, of whom 179 are in the schools of the Presbyterian Board; of these, 78 are in the High School at Clay-Ashland.

The country just north of Liberia is now under the sway of the Mandingoes, with Samudu at their head. This chief has dethroned his king, made great conquests for the last seven years, and forced Mohammedanism upon various tribes at the point of the sword. But the Mandingo people have always been friendly to the Republic; nearly all read good Arabic, and there is now a fine opportunity for supplying them with the Arabic Scriptures.

Early travelers, like Mungo Park, gave the Mandingo women a high reputation. One of them lost her son in battle, and, as she followed his corpse, Mungo Park heard her sobbing and crying out, "He never, never told a lie." At another time, having lost his way, a Mandingo woman received him into her tent, and, as he lay on a mat, the mistress and her maid-servants improvised a song:

> "The winds roared and the rain fell;
> The poor white man, faint and weary,
> Came to rest under our tree.
> He has no mother to bring him milk,
> No wife to grind him corn.
>
> CHORUS.
> Let us pity the white man; no mother has he."

Mrs. Phœbe Ogden, fresh from the Gaboon, says also of the West African woman: "She is always hospitable to strangers, and first to help and comfort the sufferer. Her own children she loves with strong affection."

It is only the Gospel of Jesus Christ that has lifted up woman and put hope in her heart, and crowned her head with purity and dignity. Heathenism holds her in double thralldom — to her sinful self, and to sinful man.

The most sweeping assertions of the sort are constantly made, and are perfectly true, and, still, even slaves are sometimes heard; and there are certain women living whose influence in the heathen world, either on account of their rank, or from sheer force of character, or both, is by no means that of slaves. On the contrary, they wield in their spheres such power as the great ladies of the salon have exerted, at different periods, upon the history of France. These dark-skinned women are, in their degree, the Madame Rolands, or Madame Recamiers, or Madame de Maintenons, of some heathen people. They command our attention, all the more conspicuous because they stand out against such a background. They show, like the lighthouses scattered on a long, gray coast, or like budding spring branches against the forest evergreens.

First, among these great ladies, is Ranavalona III., Queen of Madagascar. She is only twenty-four years old; but, amid all the disturbing conditions of her country since the war, she has firmly held on her way, and maintains undiminished the immense enthusiasm which greeted her coronation two years ago. Like her good and brave aunt, of whom she is the worthy successor, she announced to her people: "I place my kingdom under the protection of God, for I know that it is that kingdom which is governed in dependence upon God, that is true, and has strength and progress." Mr. Shaw, the well-known English missionary of the Island, says of Ranavalona: "She is a thoroughly good and earnest Christian woman, whom we can confidently trust to use every legitimate effort for the extension of education and morality, and a higher social, domestic and national integrity." The welfare of this great Island depends far more upon the personal character of the young Queen, than the interests of England have ever rested with Victoria.

Another African Queen has been heard of through the Episcopal Mission at Cape Palmas. Following the example of her husband, the King of the Grebo tribe, this woman of sixty years was baptized by Bishop Ferguson, amid a crowd of on-looking young men and naked children, and, a few yards off, "groups of women gazing wistfully." That the King should ask for this ordinance, in a part of the world where polygamy is one of the chief hindrances to confessing Christ, points to the character of his Queen.

The Victoria Nyanza Mission may well pray for the life and courage of the King's "sister," or Lubuga, of Uganda. She is a member of the mission church, baptized under the name of Rebecca Mugali, and is described by our English brethren as a "true Christian of sterling character." The King, the son of the late Mtèsa, is a mere lad of unstable character, who permitted the martyrdom of Christian boys, his own subjects, last year, and to whose charge is now laid the heavy crime of the murder of Bishop Hannington. The influence of the Lubuga has not availed to avert these dreadful calamities, but she is there, and the end is not yet, and who knoweth but she has come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Another African woman is a very important Queen, or "Omu," at Onitsha, on the upper Niger. According to the custom of the country, this Queen is not the King's wife, nor connected with him. She bought her position, which is by no means nominal. She controls the trade of the women, and no law affecting the liberties of her sex can be passed by the King and chiefs without the approval of the Omu, and her council of women. This Queen is not yet a Christian, but, accompanied by her women, she regularly attends church services of the

Baptist Mission, and, by forbidding the oil market on Sunday, has done much to secure respect for the day.

For more than twenty years two dowager Empresses have acted as regents in China. The greater of these, the Empress of the East, has often exercised despotic sway. Her highest ministers have been forced to yield to her. There is no reason to suppose that a ray of Gospel light has penetrated this royal palace, but

RANAVALONA III.

MADAM H'SIAO AND HER GRANDCHILD.

the wives of a few progressive statesmen like Li Hung Chang and Prince Kung, have come in contact with Christianity. Concerning the latter Princess, our missionaries in Peking have long been in possession of facts which they have held in reserve till their value should be tested by time. There is no longer need of reserve. As one of our teachers wrote: "There are witnesses for the Gospel in Cæsar's palace." It is believed the Princess Kung is a true disciple of the Saviour. She has thrown away her idols, and not less than thirty of her palace women, having done the same, meet with her every seven days for Bible study and prayer. All this is the fruit of reading the Gospels, carried to the Princess by Madam H'siao, one of her waiting-women, who had herself caught instruction from missionary lips. Madam H'siao has asked baptism for herself.

One of the native states of India, Bhopal, is governed by a woman, a Mohammedan, of whom Mr. Wynkoop says: "she is a very able and successful ruler." He also says: "there are hundreds of Ranis, Begums and other women of position in India who, if converted, would exert a wide influence for Christ. This influence would be chiefly communicated through their husbands and families, owing to the conditions of Indian society, but the Begum of Bhopal has the influence of a sovereign."

Two other royal ladies in Asia belong in this list. Though neither of them profess acquaintance with Christian truth, they have both illustrated womanly and amiable traits. The one, the Empress of Japan, is the patron of the Girls' Normal School in Tokyo. The other, the Queen of Siam, "a

zealous Buddhist," has a reputation for generosity. She gave five thousand dollars to relieve the sufferers by earthquake in Java.

As these distinguished ladies become known, and the scope of their influence is appreciated, will it not be the involuntary desire and prayer of Christian hearts that they all may become what some of them already are, our sisters in Çhrist?

Beside the power of women so high-placed as these, it is true of others who have no nominal influence, even in countries where their sex is most despised, that one is often the most important member of her family, or, occasionally, the adviser of a whole neighborhood.

THE BEGUM OF BHOPAL.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SUPPLYING FEMALE MEDICAL AID TO THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

We have received a copy of the first report of this Association, and also an article concerning it, written by its President, Lady Dufferin, for the *Asiatic Quarterly*. Any one ignorant, hitherto, of the woful neglect of Indian women in illness or of undertakings for their relief, might go from the reading of this article alone with an intelligent interest upon the subject.

Lady Dufferin says her account "is not a record of work achieved. The Association is in its infancy, has yet founded no hospitals, trained no doctors."

She refers the origin of her efforts to the expressed wish of the Queen, and explains how the thought of an Association grew up in her own mind.

"It seemed to me that if the people of India could be made to realize that their women have to bear more than their necessary share of human suffering, surely the men would put their shoulders to the wheel, and determine that the wives and mothers and sisters and daughters dependent upon them should in time of sickness have every relief that human skill could afford; we women of other nationalities, who are not debarred by custom or religion from employing doctors, and who have every

variety of scene and occupation to turn our minds from our own sufferings, we, too, should feel a deep sympathy with our less fortunate sisters and endeavor to aid in mitigating their sufferings."

She thought that if an association could be formed with the "one single object" of bringing medical relief to the women of India, and should work in "a strictly unsectarian spirit, it might become national."

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Central Committee, and Branches have been formed in many parts of the country. The Association aims to train native women as doctors, nurses and midwives; to open dispensaries, hospitals and wards in existing hospitals, for women and children, and under the superintendence of women. The President discreetly says of this attempt to carry a "reform into the inmost homes of the people:"

"We are anxious scrupulously to respect their own wishes and religions, and even their own less sacred opinions and prejudices."

She distinctly states her wish not to interfere with existing medical work, such, for instance, as is done by missionary societies, but hopes these centres of influence will "affiliate themselves to the Association." The President writes:

"Scattered over various parts of the country are missionary ladies, with dispensaries or small hospitals, doing an immense amount of excellent medical work, and ready to do more if only they had the money necessary. These little dispensaries, and the doctors already there, speaking the language, having acquired the confidence of the people, and with that religious and self-sacrificing spirit in their hearts which enables them to work for the good of others without thought for themselves, would have been of the greatest possible help to us; but we cannot employ them, for we are bound to use the money subscribed on the faith of our unsectarian principles, in such a way as to satisfy the most exacting critic."

A moment's reflection upon the sources from which the money for this fund has come, will convince us that this is the only honest ground, and, further, that any movement in India, in order to be "national," must be secular. There is no antagonism between the Association and missionary societies on this account, nor need they stand coldly aloof from one another. "Affiliation" is the President's word, and it is a good word. In the name of sweet compassion, and by all that is humane, we must rejoice in this movement and second it. The more rills flow into the river, the sooner its waters will reach the sea.

From the Annual Report we learn the whole money raised in India for the Association during this first year of its existence, has been £23,000, and that Lady Dufferin's hope that "the men of the country would put their shoulder to the wheel" has not been a vain hope. Several foundations for dispensaries have been laid by Native gentlemen; and, side by side with the names of Florence Nightengale and other distinguished English patrons, stands that of the Begum of Bhopal and a long list of Maharajahs. Interesting accounts are given of various Branch meetings. We have space to mention one only, that held in Allahabad, last January.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Provinces, Sir Alfred Lyall, was chairman, and called attention to the medical school, already in operation at Agra under the care of our Methodist friends. The Association committee propose to enlarge this school, and to establish a woman's ward in the Lucknow Hospital, and another at Allahabad with the aid of Dr. Sarah Seward, missionary of our Presbyterian Foreign Board. Out of many noticeable things said that evening, we quote from the speech of Raja Siva Prasad: "The Hindus hitherto took their women as part and parcel of their property. They could gamble them away. They show their piety in building hospitals, like Pinjrapoles in Bombay and Calcutta, for musquitoes and for snakes and scorpions; but if their mothers, who bore them in their wombs and nursed them when helpless babes, are attacked with some acute disease, they allow them to die a dog's death rather than expose them to a doctor's gaze or touch." He said that when he mentioned Lady Dufferin's "heavenly idea" to his sister, she asked: "How can I worship this lady with flowers and sandalwood?"

Letters from the Front.

WEST AFRICA.

[FROM A PRIVATE LETTER.]

GABOON, Jan. 14, 1886.

MRS. ARTHUR MARLING, OF ANGOM. — Mr. Marling was gone to mission meeting at Benita, and as I heard of a good and speedy passage down to Gaboon, I came away. I had not only not seen a white woman, but not even a civilized black one, for nearly four months. However, they were very happy months. We love our people and our work. Do please pray for us, that wisdom, energy, strength, patience, love and grace may be given us, with a large portion of the Holy Spirit, to aid us in our work, *to fit us for our work.* The ignorance is so great, the superstition so deep, the hearts so ignorant and unconcerned of their great need — in fact, the hands of the prince of this world are bound so tightly about them that it needs great faith to believe they can ever be loosed. But we know our Lord is stronger than the devil — hideous being! I would like any one who does not believe in a devil to come out here. It makes us so happy when we receive letters saying: "We pray for you constantly." Ask every Christian to pray for us and our people *all the time.* It is in vain they send us money, send us; it is in vain we spend our lives here if souls are not saved; and I often think "this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting." Who will help us fast and pray for these people?

We have translated into the Fangwe language "Come to Jesus" and "I have a Father in the Promised Land." The people cannot sing them very well yet; but I wish you could hear them try, and see the anxious look on their faces as they listen to catch the words and strain. They have to be taught, just like little children.

MISS NASSAU writes from Talaguga that the order restricting their schools to the use of the French language has been modified to "French and the vernacular." They cannot open their schools even on these conditions, but can do other missionary work — all they are able to do, "if we go about it quietly and without fear."

PERSIA.

A PRECIOUS REVIVAL.

OROOMIAH, Jan. 30, 1886.

MRS. SHEDD. — This winter, in many of our churches there is a deep religious interest, especially among the women. In Dizzataka there has been a revival of marked interest; many young men have been brought in, and some old men of eighty years. I spent last Sabbath in Gulepashan, where the church has been without a settled pastor for some time. Last summer they called a young man, a graduate of the last theological class. He has labored with much faithfulness, and the house is crowded with earnest, solemn listeners. I met the sisters of the church in a deeply interesting service. The spirit of grace and supplication seemed to be poured out, and many earnest, definite petitions were offered. After the afternoon service inquirers gathered around me in the school-room, while a native preacher held a similar meeting for the men in the church, and Dr. Shedd met the session and pastor to devise plans for future work. After I dismissed the women, not one rose to go. I said, "If there are any who wish to speak or pray, we will wait." Several more, with tears, confessed their desire to find Christ, and others poured out their full hearts in prayer. Again I gave them leave to go, but they sat still, and some said, "We will stay until midnight, if you will talk with us." An Armenian bride, who had come from another village, expressed her hope that she had found the Saviour, and her earnest desire to learn to read His words and work for Him.

Several young girls, with emotion, told how they, too, were happy in a new found hope in Jesus. The bell for evening service found us still there. One old woman told how she felt the burden of sin when a little girl and could not find rest; when she grew older she sought relief by visiting all the shrines of the saints, going up into the mountains to a famous church, feeling that if there she found no rest from her burden of guilt she must die. But pilgrimages were all in vain. Then she sought the papists, and joining them, hoped to find the rest her spirit craved. In vain; she saw no peace there,

One day, she heard a deacon of the evangelical church talking with some men. He quoted a verse of Scripture which went to her soul like an arrow. She went to church and heard of Jesus who gives salvation, without money and without price, and joy and peace filled her heart. She walked in this life for many years, then the war occurred, and a season of temptation overcame her, so that she lost her first love, and she added, "I have been seeking it, I am longing for it." She is a consistent Christian woman and has helped many others into the kingdom, although she cannot read a word.

Another, Hannah, a young widow and a graduate of the girls' school, interested me. She is a woman of much dignity and rather reticent; but her heart was so full she could not help speaking. Her face brightened as she told how the Lord had blessed her during the last few weeks. "It has been to me," she said, "like a new birth." Mariam, who for twenty-two years had known Christ, told how God had disciplined her by taking three of her children in one short summer; she, too, had a new baptism of the spirit and was longing to "spend every day of her life for Jesus." I came away from Gulepashan with new courage and hope. There are very large congregations in many places. There is deep interest in the girls' school; we hope every one will be converted.

INDIA.

PANHALA, Feb 9, 1886.

MRS. TEDFORD. — The girls' school in Ratnagiri was re-opened. As I had determined to discontinue the old custom of giving pice, it seemed best to carry on the school in the town, rather than at the compound. A very good house was secured near the native bazar, of which the Collector, the highest English Magistrate, very kindly offered to pay the rent, five rupees a month, for one year. The school began very encouragingly, and it was not long before I had forty names enrolled. Perhaps half of the girls were those who had been in mission schools before. The teacher was a Hindu. I was sorry not to have a good Christian woman to put in the place, but comforted myself with the thought, that perhaps the parents would be more willing to send their girls to him, than to a Christian, and I hoped in my daily visits to make plain and interesting the Christian lessons they are required to learn with their teacher.

It was announced in the first place that no pice would be given, and two or three weeks passed with scarcely anything being said about the matter. The attendance continued good and the children seemed to like to come. I hardly dared hope that victory had come without a battle. It was near the end of the first month that murmuring was heard. As I feared, the children were indulging a hope that they might receive pice, after all. Then one after another dropped out. At the end of three months there were only twelve or fourteen names left on the roll. As the time for which I had rented the house had expired, and the owner did not want to rent from month to month, I moved the school to the compound. This reduced the number still more. Finally, only four or five girls, most of whom lived near the teacher, came, and then I told them I could not pay a teacher for so few, but would be glad to teach them every morning myself if they would come. Only one appeared after that. Such is the history of my *piceless* school in a place where pice have heretofore been given.

There is great excitement in Ratnagiri now, over the coming of Thebaw, the despotic king of Burmah. Ratnagiri has been chosen by government as his place of exile. Two of the bungalows rented for him are quite near our own. They have been fitted up at great expense. Among the twenty-three persons who accompany him are two wives, ten maids of honor, and two interpreters.

LODIANA, Feb. 15, 1886.

MISS GIVEN.— I want to tell you about the conference. A number of ladies being in Lahore at the time of the Annual Meeting, we met daily and discussed our difficulties and needs. The first subject discussed at length was that of Bible-women and zenana teachers, and as a result, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that in view of the scarcity of suitable zenana teachers, ladies be advised to employ unmarried Christian young women wherever practicable, and especially in city schools, so that married women at present employed in those schools may be available for zenana work."

You will see this is a rather bold step forward. The employment of unmarried young native women has been considered almost an impossibility in India. We have made a beginning here in Lodiana. For some time, Mrs. E. P. Newton has been employing a good, sensible girl, of modest manners, who is succeeding very well. This morning, I introduced as teacher in one of our schools another Christian girl, who, we hope, may do as well. Some of us are beginning to feel it is not well to employ so many married women as zenana teachers, for few of them have the strength to care properly for their families and work daily in the city besides. Not that they should not be expected to do work outside their families, but that, in many cases, it would be better if it were a little voluntary rather than for regular pay. There is work for many here, not only in the cities, but in the country, and it is thought by many that district work is the most hopeful. The people have fewer opportunities of hearing the Gospel, and they are simpler and more friendly than town-people. It was in view of the great need of the outlying districts that, at the conference, it was

resolved to ask especially that ladies be sent out from home for this work, as well as to stations already occupied.

It was resolved, also, that missionary societies should be formed, or some other means taken to make native Christians realize their individual responsibilities, and a request was presented for sermons on the subject of voluntary Christian work, to be preached in every station.

As a result of the conference, we hope an orphanage may be established (for the mission has taken action in the matter) at Hoshiarpur, under the care of Mrs. Chatterjee.

CHINA.

KWAI PENG, Jan. 19th, 1886.

MRS. A. A. FULTON. — At present there is but one general dispensary and hospital, and as women of the better classes will not come where men are, they cannot be reached except through out-practice, or, until a special woman's dispensary and hospital is established. People with incurable diseases of years' standing, come many days' journey expecting to be healed in a day or so, and great numbers have to be informed it is too late. Men, women and children who have been blind for years, are frequent patients, as well as lepers, and the deaf and dumb, and one woman brought her child, actually thinking that Dr. Mary could, by some operation or application of medicine, cause toes to grow on the little one's deformed feet.

At present, the medical work is the important work of our little force here, but we hope, before many months, to establish schools in the adjoining villages, scores of which dot this great plain. Our first successful work will be among these simple country people. Mr. Fulton often is restless, and longs to begin preaching, yet, as he says, it is of vast importance that we, by the art of healing, win our way into the hearts of these people, before we begin to proclaim aloud the "glad tidings." It is well known that our religion is the "Jesus doctrine." There is a strong feeling against Roman Catholics in this region, and for some time after our arrival it was thought that we, also, belonged to that sect. Since the people have been informed to the contrary, there is more friendly feeling. Among our frequent visitors are men from the gentry and literati, the son of the district magistrate, and the two sons of the military mandarin.

You can see how favorable circumstances seem to be for a peaceful and permanent establishment here. We have succeeded in renting land for a hospital and home for ourselves a short distance from our present location, near the river bank, and our view of the grand old mountains across the plain will be even finer than now. We have enjoyed walks and climbing the mountains to some height, but our quiet little village was visited by a tiger three nights ago, and a large pig carried off: consequently, we are somewhat intimidated, and shall postpone our rambles. About our little house are clustered several mud dwellings, shared alike by cattle, pigs and human beings. Among all the children of the village there is but one girl. The advent of a baby girl is most unfortunate, and, as a rule, she is immediately killed. One woman, living near, told us she had killed two infant daughters. Is there not a great work to be done here? Eight millions in the province of Kwong-Sai, and three people to break to them the bread of life!

Let the fact that the last province of China is opened, fill you all with new strength and joy. We are courageous and hopeful, and every energy shall be bent towards the establishment of Christ's kingdom in this benighted province. Surely, none in the home land will call "halt" when such a clear field is before us, and we go forward knowing that all in our Church interested in this great cause will, by their giving of prayers and means, join hands with us in our efforts to conquer the enemy.

Our post office address is Canton, as before.

OPEN LETTER TO OUR MISSIONARY FRIENDS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1886.

My Dear Sisters in the Foreign Field: It is a year since I left Canton for a visit to my native land, and I have been greatly cheered and strengthened thereby. I often think of you as you toil on amidst trials and discouragements. I write now and send a few words of cheer and comfort. I assure you, you are not forgotten by the ladies of the different societies who are laboring to interest the churches in our work. Nothing has helped me more than attending the meetings of these societies, and hearing the reports from the different churches of the way in which they raise the money and the efforts they make, and give information about the different mission fields. Three months ago China was especially remembered, and every item of news from you read with the deepest interest.

Since the second week in January I have been visiting the Presbyterian societies in the East, and find all greatly interested in listening to the story of our work in Canton. Let us think for a moment of the multitude of earnest hearts who are sending up believing prayers, in the name of Jesus, for God's blessing on our work, and we must feel cheered and encouraged. For Jesus' sake God will hear and grant showers of blessings on the heathen world. That these showers may soon descend, is the earnest prayer of your fellow-worker.

With much love to all, I remain

Your sister in Christ,

H. S. HAPPER.

Home Department.

THE MONTHLY MEETING—June.

Leading Thought.—PATIENT WAITING.

Scripture Text, Isaiah lxi. 11.—"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

Topic.—AFRICA.

A vast topic indeed! We might speak of Egypt, with its wonderful history, both past and present; of early colonization along the shores of Northern Africa; of later colonization and exploration along the east coast, and the west, and the south; of still later exploration along the Nile and the Niger and the Congo; of Livingstone, and his deathless fame as missionary and explorer; of Stanley and King Mtesa, of Gordon and El Mahdi; of the missionary heroes of South Africa, and the wonderful transformations wrought there. We might tell of many a martyr to the glorious cause and of many a woman "Crowned in Palm Land." Or, we might touch upon the wonderful events of the present day, and tell of the African International Association, the Berlin Conference, the Congo Free State; of European powers struggling to gain a foothold in this wonderful country, and of various missionary associations seeking to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the nations of the Dark Continent. But, as we are gathered together at a Presbyterian missionary meeting, let us rather turn our thoughts to that part of Africa where our missions are located, and give to our own missionaries the just tribute of a livelier interest in them and their work, because of a fuller knowledge of its encouragements and difficulties. So let us turn our attention to

Liberia: (Its situation, climate, resources; Its connection with the American Colonization Society; Its history as a republic; Its population, of whom composed; Purposes for which the colonies, both at Sierra Leone and at Liberia, were planted; Importance of these colonies as a means of reaching the tribes beyond; Samudu, the Mandingo warrior, approaching Liberia).

Presbyterian Missions in Liberia: (When begun, where located, for whom specially designed; Pioneer missionary of Presbyterian Board; Missionaries now on the field; Encouragements and difficulties of the work; Pressing need of the hour).

The Gaboon and Corisco Mission: (The three divisions of this field; Our missionaries at Benita; Hopeful aspect of the work there; Christmas offering from Africa; The native pastor on Corisco Island; Our missionaries on the Gaboon; Our new stations on the Ogove; The workers there; Death of Mrs. Nassau; French interference with our schools; Exploration on the Ogove).

Refer to *Historical Sketches* and *Annual Reports*, *Wilson's Western Africa*, *Foreign Missionary* and *Woman's Magazines* for June, 1885. Be sure to read the letters of our missionaries, whenever and wherever found.

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OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

From the last dying whistle of March to April's farewell smile, we have devoted ourselves to them. With the coming in of May, they are all accomplished for the year 1886. The Committees have emerged from the mazes of their preparations, the Treasurers have counted up their totals in the public ear, and all the reports have been "accepted" without a contrary mind.

Five goodly cities have each outdone the other in hospitality. We have all been graciously "welcomed," and have handsomely "responded," been "greeted" by sister Boards, presented our "Resolutions" and elected our officers. We have gone up for these memorial days under bright skies, with a general record of encouragement and advance, and every one of us can say: "He brought me to the banqueting house."

The Presidents of three Boards were unable to attend: Mrs. Schenck, of Philadelphia, was in California; Mrs. Hubbard, of New York, sent a motherly letter of love and counsel; Mrs. Hoge, of Chicago, is obliged to resign her position. In her absence, such just words were spoken of her that we are constrained to quote from them: "Those who have seen her sit in her quiet dignity among her co-workers, as their head and guide, will never forget her constant

courtesy, her large tolerance, her beautiful deference to the opinions of others, her unselfish aim, her strong grasp of the widest bearings of every question, and her masterly summing up of all argument and opinion."

The first of our divisions to muster its forces and take the field, was the

BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST.

Their reporter says:

"Our ninth annual meeting, held at the Second Church, Kansas City, Mo., March 31st, and April 1st, was full of enthusiasm, and largely attended by delegates from Missouri, Kansas and Texas. The interest, from the opening devotional hour when the spacious audience-room was filled, to the closing mass meeting in behalf of Home Missions, never flagged.

"Four prayer-meetings were devoted to the subject of Praise, Comfort, Laborers, and Liberality. Our hearts swelled with emotion as we saw on the platform before us, at the third of these meetings, four young ladies consecrated to future missionary service. They were all from that nursery of missionaries, Park College, of Parkville, Mo.

"Dr. Ellinwood, addressed the first mass meeting, and not one of our delegates will ever forget the hour they listened to him, and the new inspiration they received as they listened. Mrs. Weaver, of Bogota, and Mrs. Mayon, formerly of India, gave interesting talks. Able papers were read on Korea, by Mrs. Kingery, of Sterling, Kansas, and on Mexico, by Miss Nelson, of Independence, Mo., and spirited discussions on 'Plans for Raising Money' and 'Methods of Work,' brought out many practical ideas. A Question Drawer was instructive.

"Three dear sisters, so active in the work of our Board, who have fallen by our side —nay, been promoted by the call to 'come up higher' during the past year, were remembered by an 'In Memoriam.'

"Equally interesting parts of our programme devoted to Home Missions must, in this connection, be omitted. The President's address thrilled every heart. The Foreign Secretary reported on the work of each of our missionaries, four of whom have been placed in the field the past year. The Treasurer's Report showed the total receipts for the year $11,794.48, of which $5,163.56, have been disbursed for Foreign Missions. The officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year. A thank-offering of $63.36 was made and appropriated by vote, to the purchase of some eye and ear instruments for Dr. Jessie Bell. This most successful meeting closed as it began, by singing 'All hail the power of Jesus' name.'"

The next gathering of the clans was on the morning of April 14th, in the City of Brooklyn, where, as Dr. Cuyler said, "The handmaidens of the Lord captured Lafayette Avenue Church." They have every inducement to try it again, he gave them such an ungrudging "thousand welcomes." This was the sixteenth anniversary for our

"NEW YORK BOARD."

Miss H. W. Hubbard, recently elected Acting-President, in the absence of her mother, presided most acceptably. The Home Report showed an increase of 25 auxiliary societies and 36 mission bands during the year. Mrs. Bainbridge has averaged 25 addresses among the churches each month, which, with the efforts of Miss Cort and other missionaries, have done much to kindle enthusiasm in missions. The contributions of the year amount to $44,100.58, a decided advance on the past. The Foreign Report surveyed all our fields; but Syria, Persia and China were brought very close by their representatives, Mrs. Calhoun, Miss VanDuzee and Mrs. J. M. Shaw. Mrs. Bainbridge read a very complete and convincing paper on the need of medical missions. She illustrated the change of sentiment in the United States regarding the education of women as physicians, by an anecdote. Her mother, after receiving a diploma from a medical school, presented herself at the door of a minister in Brooklyn, but he sent back her card, saying: "I can receive no woman who

has so unsexed herself." The presbyterial secretaries taking possession of the platform, gave in their reports under a leader, who unified them in an exercise, and conducted it with a happy tact that set everybody to talking. She fixed attention upon the vital element of success indicated by each report. This valuable exercise will be called for another year.

The meetings continued for two days. Fine addresses were given on the evening of Wednesday, by Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Happer, of China, Dr. Alexander, of New York, and Dr. Gillespie, Secretary of the Foreign Board. A "Children's Hour" was pleasantly conducted by Miss Lombard, editor of *Children's Work*, where the young people were in Asiatic costumes, and the Pundita consented to speak a second time. For, the most impressive feature of all this meeting, was the presence of the Pundita Ramabai, the young widow from Madras. The house was packed to hear her speak, and she drew toward herself great respect and sympathy. She urged the Board to continue sending the Bible to India, "and the Holy Spirit will make them understand its meaning." She begged the prayers of those present that she might have strength and guidance in carrying out the purpose of her heart to help her countrywomen. "I would not have believed," she said, "without seeing with my eyes, what women can be in other countries; how some can work, some teach, some cure, and all can live a good life, at least. I will tell my people and make them feel as I do, that though the English brought us poison, there came with it also the nectar of Christianity, which is able to cure the greater poison of sin in the soul."

Dr. Cuyler said of her in the *N. Y. Evangelist:* "She is a slight and slender young Hindustanee, not more than twenty-eight, with a clear olive complexion, and dark, Oriental eyes. She wore a white muslin shawl, or robe, bound over her head, and covering her whole person to her feet. The veritable 'woman in white' she looked, as she rose up and faced the crowd modestly. The Pundita handles the English language very fluently. She is a recent convert to Christianity. When we listen to such as she and Mrs. Barakat, we are ready to exclaim, God forgive His Church that for eighteen centuries she permitted womanhood to be crushed and trampled down under the bestial heel of Heathenism!"

A week later there was great marching and countermarching among our hosts, for two divisions were simultaneously in motion, — the one, our

Society of Northern New York,

was marshalling at Plattsburgh for its fourteenth meeting. Its chronicle runs thus: "About two hundred delegates came from the most distant points, as well as from adjacent towns. Devotional exercises Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, marked by petitions for the Master's presence, guidance and blessing, prepared the way for the feast of Thursday. The President's address was replete with good things. The Secretary's and Treasurer's report showed new societies and bands, increasing interest in meetings for prayer, enlarged subscriptions for missionary periodicals, pledges all met, and quite a surplus unappropriated. Dr. Ellinwood addressed the Society as a company of fellow-helpers, and spoke of some of the hindrances with which woman's work for woman must contend. In closing, he asked the Society to pledge $3,000, in addition to its regular work, this year, for a building for mission purposes on the island of Hainan. The appeal met with a prompt response, and the amount was pledged.

In the evening the large First Church was crowded to hear Mrs. Layyah Barakat, who spoke with more than her usual force and earnestness. The audience wept and laughed, and listened with unbroken attention, and cried "Go on" when she offered to stop. Her rebuke to women who do not love the Saviour who has done so much for woman, and to professing Christians who do not believe and obey His last command, was very forcible. The early morning train

of Friday bore away a large company whose hands were full of trailing arbutus, and their hearts with pleasant and profitable memories.

Indianapolis was the appointed rendezvous for our

BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST

the same week. The opening session of their fifteenth yearly meeting was in the Second Church, on Tuesday night, where the Rev. James McLeod, D.D., presided, and offered the freedom of the building to the meeting. Rev. A. H. Dean, of Monmouth, Ill., presented a very forcible paper upon "The Geography of Missions," and illustrated it by a large map. Rev. S. G. Wilson gave unusual details of his work in Persia, especially among Armenians. He told of their literary ability and intense patriotism, and said that when they love Christianity as they love their country, they will be a power in the Christian world. On Wednesday morning, the conduct of the meeting was in the hands of the Board. The Indianapolis *Journal* said of it: "Perhaps the most remarkable assembly of women this city has ever known. There were over a thousand women in the audience-room of the church, of whom about five hundred were delegates."

Mrs. Herrick Johnson presided. The report of the Home Secretaries shows "a steady growth in interest, contributions and members. There have been organized during the year seventy-six auxiliaries, sixty-one children's bands, and twenty-two young people's societies. The total number of auxiliaries up to date is 1,506. Nine missionaries have been sent out the last year," and as the Foreign Secretary's paper showed, "sixty are now depending upon this Board." There were two valuable missionary speeches from Mrs. Happer, who has been sixteen years at Canton, China, and Mrs. Houston, from Brazil. "This meeting had the blessing of the personal offering of one, for service in Japan. The old, but ever new, story of Queen Esther was told by Miss Clark, from the point of view of one who has seen Persia's ruins," and a paper was presented upon "The True Liberty of Woman." "Miss Rankin's presence and remarks were helpful in the highest degree, and another interesting visitor was Mrs. Treat, teacher of the Queen of Madagascar." In the evening of Wednesday, the meeting convened in the First Church, and was addressed by Rev. J. Wilson, who has toiled in the Laos for the past twenty years, and Rev. S. L. Ward, of Tabriz. There was the promised Young Ladies' Hour. Under the general subject "Motives for Missionary Work," individual young ladies presented papers upon specific motives.

In the devotional exercises on the last morning, many ladies from a distance, took part. Synodical Reports occupied a large part of the session. The meeting was surprised by a note received from the Chinese class in the Second Church, enclosing $25, with the request that it be used to "help to send to China, Jesus, the light of the world." The duty of the last afternoon was the election of officers, when Mrs. Hoge was made President *Emeritus*, and Mrs. Benjamin Douglass was chosen President.

"Primitive Christianity" was the subject of the closing exercises, analyzed, in three papers of unusual power: "Its Spirit of Missions," by Mrs. Rhea, "Its Spirit of Liberality and Self-sacrifice," by Miss Peabody, "Its Inspiring Spirit, and the Need of Revival," by Mrs. Herrick Johnson. These papers left a solemn impression, which was deepened by the closing prayer."

On the third and last evening, the delegates met socially.

Last of all, April 28th, found our largest division, our eldest and strongest,

"THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY,"

in assembly at Pittsburgh, whither they had gone up, rank by rank.

Of the meeting, as a whole, one who has been present at fourteen out of the sixteen annual assemblies, said it was "one of the very best." Another thought the "spiritual tone throughout partly due to the prayer-meetings held at the close of three of the

sessions; there was quiet, and the last thoughts were devotional." The same observer adds: "the music was more inspiring than ever before, because of the full organ at all of the services, and a strong choir of rich voices. As the years go on, I see such a growth in the tone and freedom of the prayers; such readiness, such appropriateness, such strength of voice, and cheerfulness and sweetness of tone. One improvement, this year, was in the seating of delegates in a solid body close to the platform."

The Assembly met in the First Church, the birthplace, more than fifty years ago, of the society which developed into the Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Massey, one of the Vice-Presidents, conducted all the sessions. We quote from the report in the *Banner:* "The President, Mrs. Schenck, was on the shores of the Pacific, ministering to her husband, now in broken health; the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Perkins, was absent, from illness; one of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Allen, has left us to join in the worship above; thus it was, with chastened spirits, with tears, and yet with thanksgiving, that we joined in the opening services."

The Home Report was full of good hints and encouraging tokens from Bands. One Band said: "Send our money to Korea, and, after that, give to the General Fund." Another made a greater effort and raised "$10 more for debt." The once leader of a Boys' Band, is now preparing to go out as a missionary. In one Band, every member led in prayer. The increase of Auxiliaries the past year has been 27; new Bands, 118; total number of Auxiliaries, 1267; of Bands, 1213. The Foreign Report presented encouragement from every field, and urged to intelligence in work; not to depend on impulse and impromptu zeal. The Treasurer's Report gave total receipts for the year, $119,878.08.

The meeting was privileged to have addresses from two of the Society's own missionary ladies, Mrs. Happer, of China, and Mrs. Ogden, of Africa. Letters were read from not less than eleven other of our representatives abroad. Mrs. Bainbridge had been invited to present the same paper here, that she read in Brooklyn. "She filled all our expectations." "Would that all could hear her vigorous, telling words for medical missionaries and hospitals." Mrs. Bainbridge also addressed Young Ladies' Branches on the next day, when "she poured forth a flood of facts, illustrations, appeals and hints."

There was a "popular service" on Wednesday evening, where Dr. Gillespie gave such a "practical, stirring, animated" address, we felt "the work has gained," in him, "a new and efficient aid."

On Thursday, at a meeting of Presbyterial delegates, "there was an overwhelming vote that the General Annual Meeting should not yield to Triennial Assemblies." "No one could have conducted the conference which followed, better than Mrs. Kumler did. Impromptu questions were sent up from all over the house, and she answered them in a ready, bright, satisfactory manner, or called on some one else to answer, who could do so more fully."

A letter was read from Mrs. Schenck, who quoted the words of a Bishop: "Pray God to forgive you that you need these large missionary meeetings to inspire you for this work." A message was also given from Mrs. Perkins, who has said: "This work may be taken out of my mind and hands, but nothing can take it out of my heart." The message was *Col. ii., 5*, and *Col. iii., 15*.

A vote was called for, of "sympathy and love and loyalty," for the editors of *Woman's Work* and *Children's Work*, and our executive officers at 1334 Chestnut Street, Phila. The last moments were given to a devotional meeting, which closed with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The Society is invited to Cleveland for its next meeting.

A Band in Cambridge, Ohio, have the pleasant custom of answering the roll-call with a passage of Scripture; and have accustomed themselves to hearing their own voices in prayer, by using selections from the prayers of the Psalms.

Correspondence with missionaries, Mrs. S. C. Perkins, Mrs. S. Kneass, Mrs. C. E. Morris, and Mrs. C. N. Thorpe.

Candidates will address Mrs. C. E. Morris.

Correspondence concerning special objects, Mrs. J. De F. Junkin, and Miss M. D. Purves.

Correspondence with Presbyterial Societies, Mrs. D. R. Posey; with Auxiliary Societies, Miss S. W. Du Bois; with Young People's and Children's Bands, Mrs. B. N. Lehman.

Treasurer, Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn.

All letters to be sent to 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Monthly meeting first Tuesday of the month, and prayer-meeting third Tuesday, at 12 M., in the Assembly Room.

As will be seen by the statement of our Treasurer, the receipts of our society for the year just closed have been $119,878.08, less by more than $7,000 than they were last year. While we deeply regret this, we are glad to say that the falling off has not been entirely on the part of Auxiliary Societies. It is to be accounted for by the fact that the amount from legacies is smaller, by the absence of several large gifts which were received last year from individuals, and the transfer to our sister society of New York, of societies in that state contributing about $2,000, which, though not appearing in our records, are shown in theirs, and so are not lost to the work.

A retrograde movement is always painful, but let us all learn a lesson from it, and determine to begin, *right away*, steady, earnest work for the new year. Let us not wait till next January or February for a pressing appeal to come from the Parent Society, but let us begin now, week by week, to lay by in store the Lord's portion, from that which He has given us as His stewards.

Miss Susan Hutchison has arrived safely at Mynpurie, India, and will be associated with Miss Seeley.

Mrs. Holcomb, of Allahabad, expects to begin a new work at Jhansi, a place likely to become important as a great railway centre in India.

Miss Belz and Miss Thiede, our two German missionaries in India, have gone to visit their homes in the Fatherland, and, we trust, are enjoying a well-earned rest after their long and faithful labors.

Mrs. F. G. Coan, of Persia, and Mrs. J. M. Swan, of China, have been adopted as missionaries of this Society.

Miss Jessica R. Carleton and Miss Emma E. Richards were graduated at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, in March, and expect in the fall to receive appointment as medical missionaries.

New Auxiliaries.

New Castle Presbytery, Lewes, Delaware.
North Pacific Branch, Ellensburgh, W. T.

New Bands.

New Jersey, Elizabeth, Madison Ave. Ch., Y. L. Band.
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Tabernacle Ch., McCook Bd.
" " Tabor Ch., Messengers of Light.
" " Tabor Ch., Little Helpers.
" " Tabor Ch., Shining Lights.
" Dauphin, Children of the King.
" New Bloomfield, Early Blossoms.
" Newville, King's Children.
" Connellsville, Young Ladies' Circle.
" Mount Pleasant Church, Tune Band.
Ohio, Lancaster, Boyd Band.
" Columbus, First Church, Jesus' Little Ones.
" " " Delia Loring Band.
" " Collegiate Chapel Band.
" Wyoming, Cheerful Givers.
West Virginia, Wheeling, Second Church, Carleton Circle.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest.

Room 48, McCormick Block, S. E. Cor. Randolph and Dearborn Sts., Chicago, Ill.

Correspondence with missionaries in India and Africa, Mrs. S. H. Perry.

Correspondence with missionaries in China and Japan, Mrs. H. F. Waite.

Correspondence with missionaries in Persia and with and concerning missionary candidates, Mrs. B. Douglass.

Correspondence with missionaries in Mexico, South America, Syria, Siam, and among the North American Indians, Miss Anna Holt.

Correspondence concerning Special Objects, Mrs. N. W. Campbell.

Correspondence with Auxiliaries and concerning Organization, Mrs. Geo. H. Laflin and Mrs. N. B. Pratt.

Remittances of money to Mrs. C. B. Farwell, Treasurer.

Subscriptions for Woman's Work for Woman and Our Mission Field should be sent direct to 23 Centre Street, New York.

All letters to be addressed to the Room. Meetings every Friday at 10 A. M. All persons interested in mission work are cordially invited.

New Auxiliaries.

Aberdeen, Dakota, Buds of Promise.
Appanoose, Ill., Willing Workers.
Antwerp, Ohio.
Austin, Ill., Young Ladies' Circle.
" " King's Workers (Boys).
Billingsville, Ind., Harmony Church.
Blair, Nebraska.
Blairstown, Iowa, Young Ladies' Circle.
Bloomville, Ohio, Young Ladies' Circle.
Blue Grass, Ind., West Union Church, Band of Gleaners.
Blunt, Dakota.
Burton, Ill., Concordia German Church.
Cairo, Ill., S. S. Mission Band.

Chicago, Ill., 1st Church, Mission Band.
" " Campbell Park, reorganized.
" " Mosely S. S. Mission Band.
Corning, Iowa, Young Ladies' Home Bodies' Band.
Crawfordsville, Ind., 1st Church S. S., Birthday Society.
" " 2d Church, Young Ladies' Circle.
Cutler, Ind., Lexington Church, Willing Workers.
Denison, Iowa, reorganized.
Duluth, Minn., Jewel Band.
Dysart, Iowa.
" " Earnest Workers' Band.
Edinburg, Ind.
" " Mission Band.
Farmer City, Ill., reorganized.
Ford River, Mich., Cheerful Workers.
Fountain Green, Ill., Mission Band.
Franklin, Ind., Young Ladies' Circle.
Garden Grove, Iowa.
Goshen, Ind., Young Ladies' Circle.
Hamlet, Ill., Willing Workers.
Hastings, Neb., Harvest Hands, Young Ladies' Band.
Hoopeston, Ill.
Homer, Ill.
Hubbell, Neb.
Hunter, Dakota.
Huron, Dakota, Rose Hill Church.
Hyde Park, Ill., Young Ladies' Circle.
Indianapolis, Ind., 2d Church, King's Daughters.
" " 5th Church, Young Ladies' Circle.
Jonesboro, Ind., Busy Bees.
La Moin, Dakota.
" " Prairie Gleaners.
Logansport, Ind., Bethlehem Church.
Ludington, Mich., Young People's Union.
" " Mission Band.
Manteno, Ill., Young Ladies' Circle.
Marion, Ind., Children's Band.
Marshall, Ind., Bethany Church, S. S. Band.
Maywood, Ill., Mission Band.
Milford, Mich., Bacon Band.
Milan, Mich., Children's Mite Gleaners.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1st Church, Young Ladies' Circle.
" " Westminster Ch., Daughters of the King.
Mitchell, Ind., Busy Bees.
Nevada, Iowa, Happy Thought Mission Band.
Niles, Mich., Young People's Band and S. S.
Normal, Ill., Builder's Band.
Oak Park, Ill.
Palmyra, Mich.
Peoria, Ill., Westminster S. S.
" " Grace Church, Christian Band.
Pierre, Dakota, Willing Workers.
Rehoboth, Ind.
Rochester, Minn., King's Daughters.
St. Paul, Minn., House of Hope Ch, Young Ladies' Circle.
" " Goodrich Avenue Church, Boys' Band.
Seward, Neb., Mission Band.
Streator, Ill., Willing Workers.
Tama City, Iowa, Working Band.
Toledo, Ohio, 3d Church, Lydia Band.
Tracy, Minn., Pearl Gatherers.
Tyndale, Dakota.
Unionville, Iowa.
Urbana, Ill.
Utica, Ill., Waltham Band.
Vail, Iowa, Busy Bees.
Viola, Ill.
Walnut, Iowa, Golden Links.
Waukesha, Wis., Young People's Society.
Woodhull, Ill., Mission Band.
Woonsocket, Dakota.

Honorary Members.

Fisher, Mrs. Charles, Peoria, Ill.
Hall, Mrs. James R., Minneapolis, Minn.
King, Mrs. Charles K., Kirkwood, Mo.

New Life Members.

Armstrong, Mrs. Joseph, Gilman, Ill.
Auten, Mrs. Esther R., Princeville, Ill.
Bacon, Mrs. S. L., Pana, Ill.
Baldwin, Mrs. Henry N., Peoria, Ill.
Barnum, Miss Clara E., Laporte, Ind.
Barnard, Mrs. F. G., Chatfield, Minn.
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Bulton, Mrs. Emilie S., Bowling Green, O.
Chapin, Mrs. H. A., Niles, Mich.
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Crawford, Mrs. I. N., Logansport, Ind.
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Coolidge, Miss Helen E., Niles, Mich.
Cooper, Miss Hattie, Grand Haven, Mich.
Curry, Mrs. Anna, Bardolph, Ill.
Ely, Mrs. R. S. W., Morrison, Ill.
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Forster, Miss Mary E., Mt. Clemens, Mich.
Fursman, Mrs. H. M., Pontiac, Ill.
Goodale, Mrs. A. J., Bathgate, Dakota.
Gorrell, Warren, Kankakee, Ill.
Halbert, Mrs. H. S., Morrison, Ill.
Hall, Mrs. E., Wilmington, Ill.
Hastings, Mrs. Eli, Morris, Ill.
Haven, Mrs. B. B., Chatfield, Minn.
Higbie, Miss Hope, Peoria, Ill.
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Little, Mrs. G. A., Muncie, Ind.
Loucks, Miss Mabel, Peoria, Ill.
McClintock, Mrs. Mary E., Burlington, Iowa.
Morrow, Miss Fannie B., Bloom, Ill.
Murphy, Mrs. S. H., Chatfield, Minn.
Myers, Mrs. A. E., Omaha, Neb.
Newman, Mrs. A. A., Delavan, Ill.
Oaks, Mrs. Rebecca, Yates City, Ill.
Park, Miss Sara J., Bardolph, Ill.
Peirce, Miss Virginia M., Laporte, Ind.
Phillips, Mrs. Mary, Milford, Mich.
Pursley, Mrs. T. J., Peoria, Ill.
Rose, Mrs. David E., Grand Haven, Mich.
Sawyer, Mrs. Arthur L., Lafayette, Ind.
Schermerhorn, Mrs. W. S., Jefferson, Iowa.
Smith, Mrs. Leander, Morrison, Ill.
Strayer, Mrs. Sarah, Lexington, Ill.
Stuart, Mrs. William, Schoolcraft, Mich.
Todd, Eugene, Kankakee, Ill.
Tunnicliff, George, Galesburg, Ill.
Vaupell, Mrs. John, Grand Haven, Mich.
Waters, Mrs. Dr., Lexington, Ill.
Wells, Mrs. W. W., Buchanan, Mich.
Williams, Mrs. D., Hamilton, Dakota.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church,

No. 20 North Washington Square, New York City.

Meetings of the Board are held at the rooms, No. 20 North Washington Square, New York City, the third Monday of each month, at 2.30 P. M.

A prayer-meeting is held at the same place the first Wednesday of every month, commencing at 12 M. An attendance of all women interested in the cause of Foreign Missions is earnestly requested.

Meetings of the Executive Committee are held at the same place every Wednesday at 10.30 A. M.

New Life Members.

Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D.D., and Mrs. Charles H. Parkhurst, (by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Madison Square Church, New York City).
Mrs. Hattie B. Humphreys, (by the Auxiliary Society of Nineveh, N. Y).

New Auxiliaries.

Utica Branch.

The Woman's Foreign and Home Miss. Society of Ilion.
The Band of Little Workers, of Waterville.

Hudson Presbytery.

Woman's Foreign and Home Miss. Society of Port Jervis.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Unionville.

Genesee Valley Presbytery.

Gospel Carriers'—Band, of Bradford, Pa.

Niagara Presbytery.

Coral Workers'—Band, of Albion, New York.

New York Presbytery.

Pansy Society of Fourth Presbyterian Ch., New York City.
Boys' Club of Fourth Ave. Presbyterian Ch., Ne v York City.

Correspondence with missionaries in Persia, Syria, India, Japan and Africa, Mrs. F. C. Curtis, 136 Hudson Avenue, Albany.

Correspondence with missionaries in China, Guatemala, Siam and Indian Territory, Miss M. C. Eddy, Glenwood, Troy.

Correspondence with Societies and Bands in Albany and Columbia Presbyteries, Mrs. A. McClure, 232 State Street, Albany.

Correspondence with Societies and Bands in Troy and Champlain Presbyteries, Mrs. G. H. Page, P. O. Drawer 1657, Cohoes.

A general account of the meeting at Plattsburgh will be found, in connection with accounts of meetings of sister societies, on another page of this magazine; but the members of our Society who could not be present at our family gathering, will want to know some things about it which may not be of general interest. The representation was really much larger than had been expected. The special car, reserved for delegates by the kindness of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co's R. R., was filled by representatives from points south long before it reached our Northern Presbytery, and although the attendance from towns in the vicinity was not as large as it would have been in places where such meetings are more frequent, yet the large church was well filled at all the meetings, and crowded the evening Mrs. Barakat spoke. The reunion of old acquaintances was pleasant, reminding one, as it always does, of the time when we shall all gather at the end, not only of a year's work, but of our lives' work, to rejoice over our harvest; but the most pleasant meetings were those of old correspondents, some of eight or ten years' standing, who saw each other's faces for the first time. It was interesting to hear the cordial exclamations of pleasure as hand clasped hand and eager eyes scanned the faces of those long known and loved as true "fellow-helpers." Loving service of the Master, and recognized likeness to Him, constitute a tie stronger than any ceremony of "blood-brotherhood."

The devotional meetings brought out the same thought, as prompt, earnest petitions for the Saviour's presence and guidance followed each other in quick succession. To the hospitality of the people of Plattsburgh no words can do justice. It was as free and as perfect as the deliciously pure air of their beautiful town.

But we must not forget the earnest work done at this meeting, much as we enjoy recalling its delights. The Treasurer's report will show a falling off from last year's receipts, but an examination of it will indicate the reason. Last year, a special effort for Chieng-Mai called out a large amount from individuals and Sabbath-schools, which we failed to get this year, having had no special object. The contributions from our regular sources have increased. But they would have been much greater if quite a number of our societies, forgetting their pledges to the foreign field, had not contributed their whole or a large part of their funds to the home field. As Christian women, we need to be impressed with a sense of the sacredness of our promised or implied pledges, not only as a business obligation, but as a solemn vow unto the Lord. If any other object appeals strongly to our interest and sympathy, it is plainly a call to give *more*,— not to withhold our pledges that we may bestow them elsewhere. At the close of his address, Dr. Ellinwood presented an appeal for an extra effort from our Society this year for the new mission station on the island of Hainan, south of China, and belonging to that Empire. He asked for $3,000, and it was finally pledged, for a building for mission use. A leaflet describing this station, and stating particulars more fully than can be done here, is being prepared for distribution. To raise this amount over and above our regular pledges will require earnest effort and fresh consecration and self-denial.

New Bands.

The King's Builders, Champlain.
Little Workers, 1st Church, Lansingburgh.
Morning Star, Malone.
Earnest Workers, Malone.
Willing Workers, Essex.
Earnest Workers, Port Henry.
The King's Daughters, Greenbush S. S.
Little Volunteers, State St. Ch. S. S., Primary Dept., Albany.
Primary Department S. S., Gloversville.
Standard Bearers, Amsterdam 2d Church S. S.
"I'll Try" Band, S. S. East Avenue Church, Schenectady.
Helping Hands, 2d Church S. S., Saratoga.
Hopeful Workers, 1st Church S. S., Albany.

New Life Members.

Miss Alice Roberts.
Mrs. Thos. Colwell.
Mrs. L. W. Beattie.
Mrs. B. P. Crocker,
Mrs. D. H. Judson.
Mrs. Chas. Nash.
Miss Henrietta Henry.
Miss Phebe Vail.

No. 1107 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Meetings are held at the Presbyterian Rooms, 1107 Olive Street, second floor, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at two P. M. All interested in Missions are invited to be present.

Home Corresponding Secretaries: Mrs. S. W. Barber, 3033 Olive St.; Miss Agnes H. Fenby, 3116 Lucas Ave.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary: Miss S. E. Marks, 1107 Olive St.

Treasurer: Mrs. Edmund T. Allen, 2805 Russel Ave.

Societies Received.

Young Ladies' M. S., Highland, Kan.
Children's Band, Highland, Kan.
Ladies' M. S., Melborne, Kan.
Ladies' M. S., Halstead, Kan.
Ladies' M. S., Chanrite, Kan.
Ladies' M. S., North Ch., St. Joseph, Mo.
Ladies' M. S., Union Grove, Mo.
Children's Bd., Rock Hill, Mo.

Life Member.

Mrs. H. S. Williams.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from April 1, 1886.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

Athens.—Amesville, 14; Athens, 25; Beverly, 13; Carthage, 5; Logan, 24.81; Marietta, 4th St., 60.34, Y. L. B., 6, S. S., 32.51; Middleport, 9.50; Nelsonville, 5.50; New Plymouth, 50; Pomeroy, 20; Syracuse, 7; Tupper's Plains, 8.26; Warren, 2.50; Mrs. C. D. Curtis, 5, 288.41

Baltimore.—Bethel, 15; Cumberland, 27.25, 42.25

Butler.—Amity, 27; Buffalo, 18, McPherrin Bd., 19; Butler, 57, Y. L. B., 6.25, Mite Box Bd., 12.15; Centre, 15; Centreville, 13.40; Clintonville, 5; Concord, 56.46, Bd., 13.34; Fairview, 15; Harlansburg, 40; Harrisville, 22; Middlesex, 30.50; Mt. Nebo, 27; Muddy Creek, 35.25; New Salem, 5; North Butler, 20.60; North Liberty, 11.15, Workers for Jesus, 6.72; North Washington, 24; Pine Grove, 33.49, Bd., 13.36; Portersville, 22; Scrub Grass, 15; Summit, 20; Sunbury, 11; Pearls of Hope, 19; Unionville, 19; Westminster, 13, 645.67

Carlisle.—Bloomfield, 13, Early Blossoms, 10; Carlisle, 1st, 60, Golden Chain Bd., 38.50, Macedonian Bd., 4; Carlisle, 2d, 72.80, Anna West Bd., 28.85, Pearl Seekers, 51, Metzgar Inst., 15; Chambersburg, Central, 41.60, Earnest Workers, 27.13; Falling Spring, 85.30, Busy Bees, 44.27, Y. L. B., 110.50, Simpson Culbertson Bd., 12.50; Wilson College Bd., 40; Dauphin, 25, Junior Miss. Soc., 50; Dickinson, Mrs. E. W. Galbraith, 20; Gettysburg, Master's Bd., 50.75; Green Castle, 44.40, Lilies of the Valley, 25.63, Excelsior Boys, 32.50, Y. L. B., 32.85; Green Hill, Y. L. Bd., 5; Harrisburg, 1st, 185, Macedonian Bd., 125, Trust Bd., 10, S. S., 39.23; Pine St. Ch., 94, special, 50, M. Campbell Bd., 15, Livingstone Boys, 15, Talitha Cumi Bd., 50, Reapers, 7.50, Anything for Jesus Bd., 7.50, Miss Hays' cl., 12; 7th St. Ch., 35, Pigeons, 5; Westm'r Ch., 35, Bd., 19.75, H. Eddy Bd., 30, Pastor's B. Cl., 40; Lower Marsh Creek, 23.30; Lower Path Valley, 25; McConnellsburg, 13, Coral Workers, 11; Mechanicsburg, 44; Mercersburg, 40, Thomas Creigh Bd, 40; Millerstown, 7.50; Monaghan Ch., 10; Newville, Big Spring Aux., 65, Bd. of Hope, 43; Hopeful Workers, 157.50, Dew Drops, 25, Willing Workers, 11.65; Paxton, Cheerful Workers, 20.25; Petersburg, 25, Rocky Sp. and Strasburg, 8; Shippensburg, 72.79, Hull Bd., 8.12, Y. L. Bd., 40; Upper Path Valley, 65, A. West Bd., 25; Waynesboro', 51, Korean Bd., 27; Pres. Soc., 131.50, a lady, 50, 2,755.17

Chester.—Atglen, 8.30; Avondale, S. S., 6.88; Berwyn, 20; Bryn Mawr, 89, S. S., 25; Chester, 1st, Ruby Bd., 50; Chester, 3d, 18.75; Christiana, 16; Darby, 1st, Glenolden Bd., 5; Darby Borough, 33.46, Sunbeam Bd., 50; Dilworthtown, 12; Downingtown, 27.78, Golden Links, 6, Little Agnes Bd., 9.85; Fagg's Manor, 40; Fairview, 20; Forks of Brandywine, 86.15; Frazier, 15; Great Valley, 57.25, Fulton Bd., 27.93; Honeybrook, 15, Pansy Bd., 2; Marple, 20; Media, 40; New London, 18.50; Oxford, 68; Phœnixville, 38; Toughkenamon, 20.75; Upper Octorara, 100, Willing Workers, 20, Marshall Bd., 20; Wayne, 25; West Chester, 283, Willing Hands, 15, Y. P. Br., 52; West Grove Bd., 36.65, 1,403.25

Cincinnati.—Avondale, 89, Boys' Bd., 10, Y. L. B., 74, Little Helpers and Gleaners, 3; Bethel, 10; Cincinnati, 1st, 63, Lights for Darkness, 79.50; 2d Ch., 192, Mary Skinner Bd., 150; 3d Ch., 55, Layyah Circle, 36, S. S. 30; 5th Ch., 25; 6th, 10, Y. L. B., 34.84; 7th Ch., 32.39; Central, 200; Clifton, 56; Cumminsville, 33.25, Y. L. B., 39; Mt. Auburn, 184.56; Sabbath Day Aux., 31; Walnut Hills, 182.30, Humphrey Bd., 50, Peacemakers, 20, Fullerton Bd., 4.25; Westm'r Ch., 26, Y. L. B., 13, E. M. S., 3; Cleves, 45; College Hill, 73.50, Y. P. S., 75; Delhi, 20.73, Y. L. B., 3; Glendale, 89.75, Headlights, 40, Earnest Workers, 40, Friends of Missions, 23; Lebanon, 87.50; Ludlow Grove S. S., 2; Madisonville, 15; Montgomery, 21; Morrow, 30.81; Pleasant Ridge, 32.50; Reading and Lockland, 12; Somerset, 5; Springdale, 25.86; Westwood, 45, S. S., 5, Boys' Bd., 3.50; Wyoming, 38.35; Pres. Soc., 84.88, 2,554.47

Clarion.—Dagus Mines S. S., 32.00

Cleveland.—Akron, 9.50; Ashtabula, 32.20; Brecksville, 1; Cleveland, 1st, 44.75, Girls' Bd., 105.97, Sarah Fitch Bd., 10, Boys', 5, Fidelia Fisk Bd., 25, S. S., 25, C. Chapel S. S., 50; Cleveland, 2d, 12.20, Jas. Eells Soc., 12; Case Ave., 41.88; North Ch., 7.50, Y. P. B., 5.50, Youthful Helpers, 7; South Ch., 7.62; Beckwith Chapel, 20.25, S. S., 10; Euclid Ave., 230; Woodland Ave., 233.08, Bushnell Boys, 20; Wilson Ave., 17.50, Laughlin Bd., 40, Boys' Bd., 5.10; Collamer, 6.33; Northfield, 7; Caldwell Bd., 3; N. Springfield, 5.50, Ch. Givers, 12; Orwell, 9, S. S. Cl., 2; Parma, 10, Gleaners, 4; Painesville, L. E. Sem., 30; Rome, 17; Willoughby, 45.20, 1,129.08

Columbus.—Blendon, 10.33, H. Bushnell Bd., 5; Central College, 15, S. S., 2.35; Circleville, 60; Columbus, 1st, Mrs. Little's Bd., 27; 2d Ch., 98.55, E. Workers, 50, Y. L. B., 24, Boys' B., 7.74, Primary Sch., 4.20, a lady, 25, H. Moore B., 13; Hoge Ch., 19, S. S., 5, Bd., 15; Westm'r Ch., 32.57, Y. L. B., 46.79, Allen Boys, 8.95, W. Workers, 23.55, Busy Gleaners, 42.02; Dublin, 10; Groveport, 7; Lancaster, 28.75, S. S., 14.76, Y. L. B., 26.36; Lithopolis, 12, Mrs. Miner, 5; London, 25, Faithful Workers, 10.84, Finley B., 12.50, Ch. Givers, 7, Boys' Bd., 2, Birthday and mite box, 4.50; Lower Liberty, 7, Y. P. B., 1.20, S. S. 10; Mifflin, 4; Mt. Sterling, 13, Y. P. S., 8; Rush Creek, 12; Scioto, 10; Worthington, 14.30; col. at Pres. meeting, 20.60, 800.76

Dayton.—Blue Ball, 20; Camden, 8.10; Clifton, 63.20, Y. L. B., 70; Collinsville, R. A. Steel, 1; Dayton, 1st, 85.50, Geo. Coan Bd., 15; Dayton, 3d St., 320, S. S., 44, Y. L. B., 90, Busy Bees, 12; Dayton, 4th, 30; Dayton, Mem., 25, Y. L. B., 50, Golden Rule, 10.75; Dayton Park, Golden Links, 28, Young Gleaners, 20; Eaton, 7.35; Fletcher, 10; Franklin, 19.60; Greenville, 24,36; Hamilton, 102.81; Middletown, 29.59, W. Workers, 61; N. Jersey, 24.84; Oxford, Howard B., 40; Oxford Fem. Col., 38; Piqua, 35.10, S. S., 28.50; Seven Mile, 20.20; Springfield, 1st, 200, Y. L. B., 87.86, S. S., 85, Mrs. Miller's cl., 15; Springfield, 2d, 50, S. S., 22.50; Troy, 70, Y. L. B., 22.87; Xenia, 66.60, 1,949.77

Elizabeth.—Baskingridge, 45, Bd., 50; Bethlehem, 22; Cranford, 20; Clinton, 13; Elizabeth, F. M. Asso., 405.68, 1st Ch. Bd., 75, 2d Ch. Bd., 30; Elizabethport, Bd., 25; Metuchen, 32.69; New Providence, 119; Plainfield, 48.42, 1st

Ch. S. S., 60, Crescent, Boys', 30, Sunshine Bd., 20; Pluckamin, 35.42, Crescent Bd., 24.60; Rahway, 1st, 98.84, Mamie Boyd Bd., 26; Rahway, 2d, 100.07, Harvest Bd., 60; Roselle, 68.25, S. S., 30; Springfield, 84.53, Bd., 20; Westfield, 54, Goodwill Bd., 31; Woodbridge, 45, Bd., 30, 1,912.50

Erie.—Belle Valley, 9.35; Cambridge, 13.34; Cochranton, 13.91, S. S., 1.65; Cool Spring, 9.70; Cooperstown, 20; Conneautville, 29.10; Corry, 25; Edinboro', 19.40; Erie, 1st, 140; Erie, Central, 97; Erie, Chestnut St., 6.69; Erie, Park, 200; Franklin, 130.01; Fredonia, 6.79; Georgetown, 5.39; Girard, 15.08; Greenville, 100,75; Harbor Creek, 6.79; Harmonsburg, 13.58; Jamestown, 15.03; Kerr's Hill, 16.53; Meadville, 1st, 19.40, Y. L. B., 12; Meadville, 2d, 11.22, Mrs M. Pattison, dec'd, 200; Mercer, 1st, 42.68; Mercer, 2d, 33.66; Northeast, 95.16, W. Workers, 11.06; Oil City, 1st, 130, S. S., 42.60; Mt. Pleasant, 11.15; Pleasantville, 14.30, S. S., 6.10, Little Workers, 7; Sandy Lake, 29.10; Springfield, 33.50, Susie Cross Bd., 7.76; Stoneboro', 6.97; Sunville, 7.76; Tidioute, 72.75; Titusville, 600, Mrs. Maxwell's cl., 26.39, Alexander Bd., 65; Union City, 18.39, S. S., 13.76; Warren, 50, Y. L. B., 60; Waterford, 33.45; Wattsburg, 12.26; Pres. Soc., bal. from last year, 1.23, Presbyterial Fund, 1,178.87, 3,779.03

Jersey City.—Englewood, 500, Wilder Bd., 75, Learners, 3.50; Hoboken, 60, Wood Violets, 40; Jersey City, 1st, 195, Chrysanthemum Bd., 30; Jersey City, 2d, 70; Bergen, 1st, 150.22; Passaic, 81.77, Daisy Bd., 30, Pansy Bd., 25; Paterson, 1st, 150; Paterson, 2d, 40; Rutherford, 75.06, Heart and Hand B., 40; Tenafly, 50, Y. L. B., 20; W. Hoboken Bd., 115; W. Milford, 45, 1,795.55

Kittaning.—Boiling Spring, 22; Centre, 2; Cherry Tree, 7.50; Clarksburg, 6; Clinton, 9.30; Concord, 36.65; Currie's Run, 42; Ebenezer, 40; Eldersridge, Donaldson Bd., 22; Elderton, 10.50; Freeport, 25, Bds., 40; Glade Run, 22; Homer City, 4.70, Bd., 12.80; Jacksonville, 42; Marion, 20.25; Mechanicsburg, 11.36, Bd., 4; Plumville, 7; Rockbridge, 1.25; Saltsburg, 35; Slate Lick, 39; Srader's Grove, 35; Washington, 25; W. Glade Run, 25; Worthington, 30, 576.94

Lackawanna.—Ashley, 26, Bright Lights, 4, Dale Bd., 5.20; Athens, 15.35, W. Workers, 6 57; Canton, 13, Bd., 6; Carbondale, 45.24, Mite Gatherers, 35, W. Workers, 17, Pansy B., 25.62; E. Canton, 11.50; Franklin, 21, S. S., 7.60; Great Bend, 10.28, Bd., 4; Harmony, 28; Hawley, 20, Hopeful Workers, 10; Honesdale, 49.22, Mizpah Bd., 18.60; Kingston, 55, Torch Bearers, 26.22; Langcliffe, 49, Moosic S. S., Nassau Bd., 139.44; Little Meadows, 11; Monroeton, 17.30; Montrose, 67; Nanticoke, 12.64, Birthday Bd., 5.36, Free Will Bd., 5.06; N. Milford, 22.85; Nicholson, 5.75, Olive Br., 3.34; Orwell, 7.40; Pittston, 1st, 55, Bethel Bd., 18, Parke Bd., 30; Plymouth, 45.65, Light Bearers, 10; Scranton, 1st, 54, Juv. Asso., 125, Lowrie Bd., 30, Seek and Save, 30; Scranton, 2d, 177.99, Boys' Bd., 65, Golden Rule, 100; Green Ridge Ave., 40, Early Reapers, 28, Mary Campbell Bd., 30; Washburn St., 21.70, Gleaners, 9.75, Kefr Shima Bd., 21.50; Shickshinny, 19.45, Bd., 23.91; Stevensville, 9.27, Bd., 4.73, Little Helpers, 3; Susquehanna, 20.15, Mite Gatherers, 18.50, Y. P. B., 14.50; Towanda, 72.52, Overton Bd., 14.35, Steward Bd., 31.38; Troy, 28, Birthday Bd., 7.25, Willing Helpers. 12.50; Tunkhannock, 7.50, Mrs. H. D. Mills, 50; Wells and Columbia, 6; W. Pittston, 34.90, W. Workers, 20.74, Y. P. C., 8; Wilkesbarre, 1st, 200, Mrs. Loop's Bd., 35; Wilkesbarre, Covenant, 13.50; Wilkesbarre, Memorial, 117.50, Mrs. Welles' cl., 2.50, Whosoever-will Bd,, 68.20, Willing Workers, 25; Wyalusing, 1st, 17; Wyalusing, 2d, 41.50; Wyoming, 44.26, Bd., 7, 2,669.94

Lehigh.—E. Stroudsburg, Mountain Rill B., 5; Hazleton, S. S., 14.15, 19.15

Mahoning.—Warren, Gleaners, 6.35

Marion.—Ashley, 15.10; Berlin, 14.06; Brown, 13; Cardington, 11; Delaware, 94, Y. P. Soc., 81.50, Gleaners, 10.25; Delhi, 21.85, Oasis Bd., 1.75; Iberia, 25; Liberty, 29, Bd., 5; Marysville, 61.50, Banyan Bd., 5.03; Marion, 109.41, Landes Bd., 40; Mt. Gilead, 25; Milford, 23.60; Ostrander, 24, Mursil B., 2.67; Prospect, 15; Trenton, 41; W. Berlin 7, Youthful Warriors, 5; York, 4, 684.65

Monmouth.—Allentown, 100; Asbury Park, 15; Barnegat, 9, S. S., 8, Foster Bd., 2; Beverly, 48.95, W. Workers, 21, Grace Bd., 25; Bordentown, 4; Burlington, 92.18; Cranbury, 1st, 50, Little Workers, 35, Y. L. B., 15; Cranbury, 2d, 83.25, two ladies, 50, S. S., 25, Inf. Sch'l, 5, B. C., 3.25, Bd., 72 81; Cream Ridge, 10; Freehold, 137.52, Mrs. Andrew Perrine, 25, Mrs. Parker's cl., 26.33; Hightstown, 70, Amaranth Bd., 30; Holmanville, 13; Jamesburg, 80, S. S., 60; Lakewood, 24.09, S. S., 24.05; Manasquan, 17.89; Matawan, 52.50, Glenwood Bd., 27; Mt. Holly, 50, Holly Br., 26; New Egypt, 13; Ocean Beach, 1.50; Plattsburg, S. S., 12.13; Riverton, Calvary B., 30; Shrewsbury, 67; Tennent, 60; Pres. Soc., 16.60, 1,575.05

Morris and Orange.—Boonton, Mrs. A. L. Dennis, 25; Orange, 2d, 210; Schooley's Mt., 31, Handful Bd., 11.20, Light Bearers, 5, Inf. Sch., 2.80, 285.00

New Brunswick.—Amwell, 1st, 80; Amwell United, 1st, 16.57; 2d Amwell, 16; Copper Hill, S. S., 22, Ella Kuhl B., 35; Dayton, Mrs. Dickson's B., 7.78; Ewing, 50, Bd., 40; Flemington, 130, Hill Bd., 15, Gleaners, 125; Frenchtown, 51.51; Hamilton Sq., 60; Holland, 15; Hopewell, Gleaners, 36; Kingston, 12; Lambertville, Ogilvie B., 22; Lawrenceville, 100, Gosman Bd., 20; Milford, 60; N. Brunswick, 1st, 125; N. Brunswick, 2d, 25; Pennington, 29.12, Anna Foster B., 20; Princeton, 1st, 184.07, Dale Bd., 10, Havergal B., 13; Ringoes, Kent Bd., 4; Stockton, 20; Titusville, 11; Trenton, 3d, 100, S. S., 40, Beatty Bd., 40; Trenton, 4th, 200, Emily Bd., 17; Prospect St., 30, Bd., 25, 1,807.05

New Castle.—Delaware City, Morning Star B., 40; Dover, 5; Elkton, 50 cts.; Glasgow, 2; Middletown, Y.P.B., 1; Milford, 6.60; Newark, 5; Port Deposit, 50; Port Penn, S. S., 3.88; White Clay Creek, 29.75; Wilmington, Central, Y. P. Soc., 38.50; Hanover St., 1; Pres. Soc., 19.25, 202.48

Newton.—Asbury, 24.04; Belvidere, 1st, 85, Inf. Sch., 25, S. S., 25; Belvidere, 2d, 93, Go Forward B., 80; Blairstown, 45, Blair Hall B., 33.40; Bloomsbury, 32.54; Danville, 10, Bd., 5; Delaware, 7.50, Agapé B., 10; Greenwich, 20.70; Hackettstown, 30.33, Christ's Workers, 7, Helpers, 7; Harmony, 32, Bd. 5; Knowlton, 10; Newton, 115.79; New Village, Workers, 7.65; Oxford, 2d, 52.68, Cheerful Givers, 29.29; Stewartsville, 25; Stillwater, 10, 827.92

North Pacific Br.—Albina, 1; Brownsville, 1; Independence, 1.50; Olympia, 5; Portland, 50; Roseburg, 4.65; Salem. 32.75; Tacoma, 3.21, 99.11

Occidental Br.—Gilroy, Hope Bd., 6; Napa, 50; Rockville, Mrs. King, 5; San Francisco, On Lok Uii Soc., 24.10; Light House Bd., 10.10, 95.20

Philadelphia.—1st Ch., 251, Albert Barnes Bd., 100; 2d Ch., 408, Beadle Bd., 100, Early Blossoms, 25; 10th Ch., 5, Birthday Bd., 10.96; Southwestern, J. McLeod Bd., 10; Tabernacle Ch., 16.33; West Spruce St., 101, a lady, 500, S. S., 100, Inf. Sch., 40, 1,667.29

Philadelphia Central.—Alexander, 193, Bethany Bd., 23.31, Adult Sch., 42.01; Arch St., Joy Bells, 21, King's Gardeners, 35, King's Soldiers, 5, Mizpah Bd., 25, S. S., 7.60; Bethesda, Anna M. Eva Bd., 40; Bethlehem. 40; Central, 100, Girls' Bd., 22.56, Pauline Bd., 46, Bd. of Hope, 75, Laughlin Bd., 25, Messengers, 93; Cohocksink, 260.54; Workers, 20, Golden Links, 50, Messengers of Light, 12.50; Columbia Ave., 56, Y. L. B., 25, Carrier Doves, 12, Buds of Promise, 8.47; Green Hill, 100; Kenderton, 29; Mantua, 50, Little Stars, 6; Memorial, 103.60. Lilies of Field, 15, The Misses Newkirk, 10; North Ch., 1.50, S. S. No. 2, 35; N. Broad St., 100, Y. L. B., 65; Northminster, 187.35, Y. L. B., 50, Little Soldiers, 3, Harper Bd., 1.10, Primary Sch., 50; Olivet, 50, Olivet G. Bd., 7.50, Inf. Sch., 20; Oxford. 380, Y. L. B., 40, Robbins Bd., 60, W. Workers, 5, S. S., 114.70; Patterson Mem. S. S., 40; Princeton, Henry Bd., 70, Hastings and Princeton, 70, Fullerton Bd.. 30, First Fruits, 30, Day Dawn, 75; Spring Garden Ch., 50, Buds of Promise, 7, Christian Workers, 14.75, S. S., 12.50; Temple Ch., Temple

Workers, 120, Orace Bd., 15; W. Arch St., 212, Carrier Doves, 60, Y. M. Bd., 50.50, Soldiers of the King, 25.50, 3,742.99

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Abington, 113, S. S., 40, Y. L. B., 13; Ann Carmichael Ch., 27, Bd. 8; Ashbourne, 21.90; Bristol, Bd., 30; Chestnut Hill, 100, Girls' Bd., 10, Little Gleaners, 19; Doylestown, 70, Andrews Bd., 15.10, W. Workers, 5.90; Forrestville, Bd., 7; Fox Chase, Island Empire Bd., 15; Frankford, 40; Germantown, 1st, 150, Eliot Boys, 41.25, Inf. Sch., 15, S. S., 66, Watchers, 94.86; Germantown, 2d, 36; Market Sq., Mrs. Toland, 25, S. S., 40; Wakefield, Bd., 25; Hermon, 25; Jeffersonville, 40, Collins Bd., 21; Leverington, 8; Manayunk, 20; Morrisville, 17; Mt. Airy, Y. P. B., 23.24; Newtown, 110.95, Harvesters, 40,83, Kate Craven, 13; Norristown, 1st, 166.75, Bd. 4; Norristown Cent'l, 13, S. S., 25; Pottstown, 29.63; Roxborough, 27; Thompson Mem., 50, 1,652.41

The balance of receipts for April will be published in the July WOMAN'S WORK.

The total receipts for the month are, $44,436.41

Total since May 1, 1885, $119,878.06

The Sarah Adams Bd., Cleveland, O., has sent a box to Mrs. Da Gama, Brazil, value, $13; also one to Wewoka School, value, $30.

The Mission Circle, 2d cl., Bridgeton, N. J., has sent a box to Syria, value, $10.

Mrs. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*

May 1, 1886. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, to April 20th, 1886.

(A page of receipts is held over till next month for want of room in the magazine.)

ABERDEEN.—Castlewood, 6; Groton, 9.35, 15.35

ALTON.—Alton, 24.60, Y. L. S., 11; Belleville, 2; Carlinville, 16; Carrollton, 35; East St. Louis, 5; Jerseyville, 13.50, Apple Blossoms and Wilson Bd., 25; Hillsboro, 8; Litchfield, 5; Plainview, 5; Sparta, 22.75, Willing Workers, 3; Steelville, 3.22; Trenton, 30; Virden, 16.50; Walnut Grove, 12, 227.57

BELLEFONTAINE.—Bellecentre, 25.40; Bellefontaine, 54.73; Bucyrus, 75; Crestline, Band and S. S., 9.55; Galion, Mrs. E. C. Linsley, 3; Marseilles, 10; Urbana, Lower Lights, 26; West Liberty, 26, 229.68

BLOOMINGTON.—Presbyterial Anniversary offering, 90; Bloomington, 1st, 93.05; 2d, 477.10, Y. P. S., 50, Little Lights, 7.70; Champaign, 10.15; Chenoa, 25, Y. L. S., 15, S. S., 10, Little Helpers, 2.79; Clinton. 90.65; Cooksville, 12.22; Danville, 46.50; Dwight, 1; El Paso. 23.40; Gibson City, 14.20; Gilman, 30; Heyworth, 21.35; Homer, 4.31; Hoopeston, 7.02; Lexington, 35.33, S. S., 8; Minonk, 10.33, Band, 20, a mother's mem. off. for her deceased son, 33.15; Monticello, 22.72, S. S., 7.41; Normal, 22 50; Onarga, 22; Piper City, 31c.; Pontiac, 45; Rossville, 8.25; Tolono, 32.70; Towanda, 35c.; Urbana, 3.78; Wenona, 2.25, 1,305.52

BOULDER.—Laramie, 6; Longmont, 20, 26.00

CAIRO.—Anna, 13; Bridgeport, 5; Carbondale, 25; Carmi, 27; Centralia, 20, Morning Stars, 18.75; Cobden, 10; Grand Tower, 16; McLeansboro, 10; Nashville, 9.75; Richland Ch., 5, 159.50

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Anamosa, 3.07; Blairstown, 4.25; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 30.60; 2d, 30; Coe College, Y. L. S., 6; Clinton, 25; Centre Junction, 8.25; Garrison, 8.30; Linn Grove, 24; Lyons, 1; Marion, 45; Mechanicsville, 20; Mt. Vernon, 18.60; Onslow, 12.65; Vinton, 110, S. S., 16.24; Watkins, 1.40; Wyoming, 44.69, S. S., 6.10, Cheerful Workers, 3.18, 418.33

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Altoona, 3.60; Brookings, 10; East Pierre, 14.50, Band, 1.25; Flandreau, 5.50; Huron, 18.60, Cheerful Doers, 3.33; Woonsocket, 10, 66.78

CHICAGO.—A friend, 10; Bloom, 35.70; Braidwood, Y. P. S., 20; Chicago, 1st, 122, Pr. off., 157.50; 2d. 180.20; 3d, 603.59; 4th, Pr. off., 128, Y. L. S., 46, Pr. off., 4.75, Ladies' Bible Class, 35, Mothers' Mite Soc., 7.30, S. S., 60; Howe St. M. B. Cl., 15; 5th, 111.60, thank off., 5. S. S. birthday box, 4, Rosebud Bd., 2.23; 6th, 86, Y. L. S., 9.10, S. S., 75; 8th, 38.63; Campbell Park Ch., 21.58; Ch. of the Covt., 68.92; Englewood, 10.25; Evanston, 65.54, Y. L. S., 50, S. S., 20; Highland Park, 80, Do-what-we-can Bd., 16.13, Y. L. S., 50; Hyde Park, Girls' M. S., 38.70; Joliet, 1st, 38.10; Central Ch., 89.41, Deane, Y. P. S., 3.37, S. S., 19.53; Kankakee, 2.70, Pr. off., 24.30, Y. P. S., 87.95; Lake Forest, 17.25, Y. P. S., 11.01, Ferry Hall, 60; Manteno, 12.25; Maywood, 2.55, Bd.. 4.09; Peotone, 67.50; Waukegan, Y. L. S., 15, 2,633.78

CHIPPEWA.—Baldwin, 10.50; Pine Lake Br., 8.24, C. M. S., 7.78, Miss Lucia Hoffman, 40c., Jamie Hoffman, 34c.; Eau-Claire, 32; Hudson, 18.30, 77.56

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Bedford, 8.50; Conway, 5: Corning, 26, Home Bodies, 6.10, S. S., 30; Council Bluffs, 6.15; Emerson, Cheerful Givers, 2.22; Essex, 4.95; Greenfield, 2.75; Malvern, 15.10, Y. L. S., 17.70; Menlo, 5.20; Neola, 17.85; Nodaway, 6; Red Oak, 6.15, S. S., 15; Shelby, 10; Shenandoah, 9; Sidney, 7.31; Woodbine, 6.80; Walnut, Golden Links, 25, 232.78

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, Willing Workers, 40.20; Bethany, 7.50, S. S., 24; Bethel, 4.25, S. S., 5.75; Crawfordsville, 1st, 5.50, S. S. Birthday Soc., 10; Centre Ch., 70, S. S., 55; Covington, 6; Dayton, 10, S. S., 110; Delphi. 42.35; Frankfort, 23, Mary Campbell Bd., 35; Judson, 15; Kirklin, 2.50; Lafayette, 1st, 15; 2d, Links and Strands, 24, A. Louise and Josie M. Falley, 6; Lebanon, 10, Boys' Bd., 8; Lexington, North Branch, 5.20, South Branch, 1.50; Mount Family Bd., 3; Newtown, 17; Rockfield and Rock Creek, 22.32; Rockville, 18.70. Harris gift, 25, S. S. M. B., 16; Toronto, 8; Union Ch., 10; Waveland, 17.85, Mrs. Milligan, 30, Mizpah Bd., 10; Wea, 22, S. S., 4.70; Williamsport, 9, 750.32

DAYTON.—Western Seminary, 384.05

DENVER.—Denver, 13th Ave. Ch., 15.00

DES MOINES.—Presbytery, 60.18; Adel, 15; Albia, 7; Chariton, 2.50; Dexter, 14.75; Des Moines, Westminster, 12; Central Ch., 37.50; E. Des Moines, 13; Knoxville, 30; Indianola, 6 25; Leon, 20; Newton, 6.30; Osceola, 1.80, S. S., 8.30; Oskaloosa, 12.50; Russell, 6; S. Des Moines, 5; Winterset, 25, 283.08

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, 39.11, S. S., 2.85, Y. P. S., 50; Brighton, 6.50; Detroit, Calvary Ch., Foreign Inf. Guild, 1.80; Central Ch., S. S., 25; Fort St. Ch., Rhea Band, 161; Jefferson Ave. Ch., 125; Memorial Ch , 59.30, Cheerful Laborers, 37; Union Ch., Hastings Bd., 12; Westminster Ch., 90; Franklin, 4.99; Howell, 2.65; Milford, 70.90, Jennie Dean Girls, 12, Bacon Bd., 6.55; Mt. Clemens, 41, Bd., 3.45; Northville, 28.46; Pontiac, 1.45; Saline, 10; South Lyon, 10.50; Southfield, 10; Stony Creek, 4, Y. P. S., 16.33, S. S., 9; Ypsilanti, 33, in memoriam, 5, Y. P. M., 100, The Gleaners, 30, India Workers, 20, 1,028.84

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, 40, Armor Bearers, 30; Hazleton, S. S., 1.96; Independence, 23.91, S. S., 3.93; Jesup, 1.80; Lansing, 15; Mt. Hope, 7; Manchester, 2.65; Nugent, 2, Busy Bees, 2.50; Pine Creek, 2.70; Raymond, Boys' Band, 2.80; Waukon, 12; West Union, 2.50, 150.75

FARGO.—Casselton, 11.72, S. S., 40; Lisbon, 7, 58.72

FT. DONGE.—Grand Junction, 7.50; Jefferson, 15.89, 23.39

FORT WAYNE.—Presbyterial offering, 37; Kendallville, donation received through Mrs. Goodman, 7, 44.00

FREEPORT.—Presbyterial offering, 22; Belvidere, 15.35; Galena, 1st, 12.60; Hanover, 10; Lena, 25; Marengo, 25; Ridgefield, 30; Rockford, 1st, 50; Westminster Ch., 102.25, Y. L. S., 25; Willow Creek Ch., 66.40; Winnebago, 22, Band, 3; Woodstock, 6.56, S. S., 4, 419.16

GRAND RAPIDS.—Grand Haven, 91.00

HURON.—Bloomville, Earnest Workers, 8.21; Green Springs, 5.50, Busy Bees, 5.50; Huron, 29.15; Melmore, 16.70; Monroeville, 8, Band, 4; Sandusky, Magpies Band, 1.25; Tiffin, 10.79, S. S. S., 30, 119.10

UTAH.—Ladies' Presbyterial Society, 16.50; Salt Lake College Inst., G. M. S., 7; Springville, Girls' Band, 5.65, 29.15

VINCENNES.—Brazil, 10.88, Evansville, 1st Av. Ch., 5.40; Grace Ch., 50, Busy Bees, 15; Walnut St. Ch., The Messengers, 50; Princeton, Little Gleaners, 32; Spencer, 8.47; Terre Haute, Central Ch., 50; Moffat St. Ch., 6.25, Happy Hearts, 5.52; Upper Indiana Ch., 43.40; Vincennes, 12.80, 289.72

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 13; Cedar Falls, 14; Dysart, 1, S. S. S., 9.11, Earnest Workers, 5.04; Grundy Centre, 14, S. S., 6.77: Janesville, 7.75, S. S., 4.62; LaPorte, 4.05; Marshalltown, Gleaners, 10; Morrison, 10; Nevada, 10; Salem, 8.50; State Centre, Y. L. C. E. S., 35; Tranquility, 10.50; Waterloo, 6.55, 169.89

WHITEWATER.—Brookville, 1.10; Cambridge City, 12.15; College Corner, 8.50; Connersville, 9, S. S., 20; Ebenezer, 5; Greensburg, 175.49, S. S., 50, Y. P. M. S., 30.65; Harmony Ch., 10; Kingston, 38.40; Knightstown, 14; Liberty, 4.85; Mt. Carmel, 6.08: Richmond, 82; Rushville, 54.88, S. S. B., 6.90, Primary S. S. Cl., 3.93; Sardinia, 27; Shelbyville, 31.50, S. S., 19.76, Golden Rule Band, 1.56, 612.75

WINNEBAGO.—Appleton, 50; Fond du Lac, 34, Benita Band, 24.50; Oshkosh, 8.55; Stevens Point, 20.05, 137.10

WINONA.—Albert Lea, 60.21, Y. L. B., 15, S. S. B., 4.38; Chatfield, 75; Kasson, 17.55; Lake City, 10; Lenora, a friend, 1.20; Leroy, 7; Owatonna, 3.50; Rochester, 28, Downing Band, 25, 246.84

MEMORIAL.—By sale of memorial volumes, 1.60

MISCELLANEOUS.—Gaboon, W. Africa, W. M. S., 30.50; Burrton, Kan., 14; Chicago, Reunion Ch. S. S., H. M., 5; Mrs. McDermott, 2; a friend, 1; Nebraska Synodical S. sale of "Lights and Shades." 2.30; Mrs. I. A. Greene, partial sale of gifts, 10.75; Indiana, th. off., 5; from a friend of missions in Michigan, 10; Star City, Ark., Alfred Wiley, th. off., 10; Correctionville, Ia., Wm. I. Hepburn, 2.50; by sale of Monthly letters, 6.88; sale of leaflets, 36.30. Societies—Morrison, Ill., 1; Newton, 1; Rock Island, Broadway Ch., 20c.: Central Ch., 50c.; Bloomington, 3.35; Jacksonville, Westminster Ch., 1; Muncie, Ind., 2; Logansport, Broadway Ch., 60c.; Monticello, 1.10; Lansing Presb'y, 60c.; Terre Haute, Moffat St. Ch., 1; Princeville, Ill., 1; Yates City, 1.10; Mendota, a friend, 1.50; Richland Ch., 1; for pub. of letter and annual report, 16.95, 153.18

Total here acknowledged,	10,356.49
Total for month,	19,313.01
Previously acknowledged,	46,466.20
Total from April 20, 1885,	$65,779.21

Mrs. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,

The sum received from Hillsdale, Monroe Presb. in Feb., was 26.64.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20, 1886.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, from April 1st to May 1st, 1886.

BINGHAMTON.—Union, 5.50

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Mrs. J. S. Ogilvie, 20; Thank Offering from lady, 5, 25.00

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Calvary Ch., 10; Lafayette St. Ch., 40, Heacock Bd., 25; Clarence, 14.28; Gowanda, 3.50; Jamestown, 1st Ch., S. S., 7.50; Ripley, 30, 130.28

CAYUGA.—Aurora, Soc. for Christian Work, 25, Mrs. L. M. Zabriskie, 25; Cayuga, Willing Hands, 3.25; Owasco, 20, 73.25

CHEMUNG.—Elmira, 1st Ch., 2; Horseheads, Pleiades Bd., 7.50; Rock Stream, 5.75, 15.25

GENEVA.—Phelps, Loving Hearts Bd., 14; Seneca Castle, 25, 39.00

LYONS.—Clyde, 8.19

NASSAU.—Glen Cove, L. I., 15.50

NEW YORK.—Allen St. Ch., Missionary Workers, 10; Bethany Inst., Miss E. Loper, 1; Brick Ch., 122, Y. P. G., 100; 86th St. Ch., Miss L. E. Day, 1; Fifth Ave. Ch., Harold A. Hatch, mite box, 4; Ladies' Christian Union. 60; Madison Sq. Ch., L. M. and W. J. Bebee, mite boxes, 2.52; North Ch., Mrs. C. L. Jones, 5; 13th Ch., S. S., 12.50; University Place Ch., Mrs. J. W. W., 10; Washington Heights, 35, 363.02

NORTH RIVER.—Cornwall-on-Hudson, 6; Kingston. 14.86; Little Britain, 5.36; Mattawan, 30; Poughkeepsie. 1st Ch., 193.30; Rondout, 1; Smithfield, S. S., 5; South Amenia, 7.50, 263.02

OTSEGO.—Buel, 12.31; Cooperstown, 25; Oneonta, 8.75, 46.06

ROCHESTER.—East Avon, 5, Junior Miss. Soc., 5; Rochester, Central Ch., 100, 110.00

ST. LAWRENCE.—Cape Vincent, 30; Dexter, 3; Paddington, 43, 76.00

SYRACUSE.—Fayetteville, Lambs of the Flock, 10; Syracuse, 1st Ward Ch., Lacher Miss. Soc., 30, 40 00

UTICA.—First and Westminster churches, 5.25

WESTCHESTER.—Thompsonville, Ct., 35; Tremont, 19.25; Yonkers, Miss M. Baird, mite box, 1; Westchester Presbytery, Bethany Ch., 1; Presbyterial Soc., 5, 61.25

EBENEZER, KY.—Newport, Ky., 16.00

LOUISVILLE.—Louisville, Ky., Warren Memorial Ch., 100.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Colton, California, J. A. Jones, 5; collection at Annual Meeting, 328.70; Leaflets, 39; sale of Japanese fans, 3; Y. P. Bd., 5, 380.70

Total, $1,773.27

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest, from March 22d to April 15th, 1886.

LARNED.—Larned, 4.50, Cheerful Helpers, 2 50; Lyons, 10; Y. P. Bd., 10; McPherson, 2.50; Spearville, 2;75, 32.25

NEOSHA.—Neodesha, Mrs. C. T. McClung, 10; Neosha Falls, 2.75; Mission Bd., 1.25; Ottawa, 11, S. S., 11.36, 36.36

NORTH TEXAS.—Denison, "King's Daughters," 5.00

OSAGE.—Sedalia, 10.00

OZARK.—Maple Grove, Grace Miss. Soc., 1; Neosha, 7.50, 8.50

PALMYRA.—Kirksville, 5.65

ST. LOUIS.—St. Louis, S. S. 2d Ch., 200; Layfayette Park, 10.50; Kirkwood, 1.10; Webster Groves, 10, 221.60

TOPEKA.—Black Jack, 5.55; Y. P. M. S., 4; Lawrence, 100; Leavenworth, Misses' Mission Bd., 25; Perry, 9.50, 144.05

TRINITY.—Dallas, 7.50

UNKNOWN.—Central City, 7.50; Galva, 2.50; Mound City, 8.25; Sterling, 8, Bd., 1.25, 27.50

Total from March 22d,	$498.41
Previously acknowledged,	1,097.08
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